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6% voter turnout

Vets Sweep Council Election

by Joseph Cox

Elections were held Wednesday, February 21, at NECC to elect six students to the Student Council and five students to three other representative posts. Total votes came to 174. Joe Goldsmith, Student Activity Director, said that the voter turnout was a good one considering it was a second semester election. The total freshman votes were 95, senior votes were 79. Last semester the total votes were 235.

Kevin Begley, Charles Finochiaro, Michael Sherburne, and Dana Poirier were elected to the Freshman Student Council. Timothy Minasian and Larry Murphy were voted into the Senior Student Council.

Dick Fish, (a first semester business management major from Salisbury), sees the need for review of academic policy and wants to keep the present grading system here at Northern Essex.

Kevin Begley from Haverhill and Mike Shurburne from Westford are both in the Discovery Program. Charles Finochiaro is a liberal arts major from Methuen and Larry Murphy is business management major from Newburyport.

James Kerry, a Kingston N.H. resident, is a senior in the Computer Technology program.

Francis Marsolais from Salisbury is a senior in liberal arts and Marla Shiner is a

freshman from Chelmsford in the business management program.

Joyce McGrath is from Amesbury and is a freshman in the secretarial program.

Running unopposed were: James Kerry as student member on the Executive Committee of the Academic Council; Francis Marsolais and Marla Shiner as student members of the Curriculum Committee; Richard Fish and Joyce McGrath as student representatives to the Academic Affairs Committee.

When asked why they had run for Student Council, Dana Poirier (a second semester liberal arts major from Rowley) and Tim Minisian (a fifth semester liberal

arts major from Salisbury) both showed concern for more student control over policies and procedures at NECC. Improving communication was also a priority expressed by the new council members. Minisian is also the vice president of the Outing Club.

All those elected have one thing in common (aside from attending NECC). They are Veterans and members of the Veterans Union here on campus.

Ninety-four percent of the student body did not vote.

Background

Veterans Union

by Joseph Cox

The Veterans Union at NECC is a group of about 30 persons who are interested in the needs and problems of the school and each other. Bill Mansfield is president of the Veteran's Union. He views its existence as an integral part of the vets' education. Most vets attending NECC have been away from school for a few years, and the union gives them exposure to other students in the same situation.

The Veterans Union does what it can to extend the opportunity of education to everyone. Mansfield said that after the Viet Nam War, the union acted on making

NECC campus accessible to disabled veterans by promoting the installation of ramps and elevators. Today that accessibility is a reality.

When the union is to meet, the word is passed from person to person and by posters around campus. There is good attendance at meetings. Bill Mansfield credits this to communication among group members.

Most veterans attend classes at night, but all are here to take advantage of educational opportunities that is available to Veterans through federal aid.



Veterans Left to Right Front Row: Michael R. Maille, Jeff Griffith, Bill Mansfield, Mason C. Campbell. Back Row: Charlie Finochiaro, Michael B. Sherburne, Timothy Minasian, Dana Poirier, Kevin Begley, Richard Freil, Frank Marsolais.

Photo by Brent Campbell.

Elders would receive fee waiver

Bill to lower elderly age may be passed

by Michael A. Koren and Priscilla Dors

Northern Essex Community College in conjunction with 5th Essex' District Senator Sharon Pollard has written legislation to reduce the age of eligibility for waiving of tuition and other costs of attending schools of higher public education in Massachusetts from 65 to 60. The legislation also proposes to eliminate the requirement that fees be paid.

The legislation has been co-filed by Representative Francis J. Bevilacqua from the Committee on Ways and Means and by Senator Gerard D'Amico from Worcester. The bill met with great approval from both the House and Senate Committees.

Jack Wysong, Assistant to the President at Northern Essex, expressed how important the community college has been in serving the Merrimack Valley with a population in excess of 20 percent falling in the elderly range. Wysong pointed out that Northern Essex houses on campus an Elderly Outreach Program. The program, directed by Terry Cheetham, serves those elders who have demonstrated a need and desire to take advantage of courses offered

here.

The legislation titled S243 concerns itself with two key issues. The first issue suggests that all fees be waived. Representative Bevilacqua said that the intent of Chapter 69 of Section 7G of the General Laws was to allow qualified elders to take courses free. As it stands now, Northern Essex by law requires a fee of at least \$11.50 per person, per single course. Combine this with the cost of books and transportation and it makes taking courses here at the college only a dream for most elders.

The second issue concerns itself with lowering the age of eligibility. The present law precludes early retirees, especially women, as well as those preparing to retire from taking courses at a reduced rate.

Representative Bevilacqua feels this is an important bill which can benefit the entire Commonwealth if passed. Elders have contributed so much in many ways to all of us. Passage of the bill, said Bevilacqua, would cost the state very little and yet provide real benefits not only to the elders but to all.

In wake of Feb. mixer

Goldsmith concerned about student drinking

by Larry O'Brien

Student Activities Director Joe Goldsmith has expressed his feelings about the February 16 mixer in a report to Dean of Students, Church Stafford. Goldsmith stated "although it went well, I still feel very uncomfortable about this type of student activity. We are, in fact, inviting people to get drunk and then having little or no control over them. We are lucky not to have more serious problems during and after mixers. Since this is a commuting school, we have students driving home after drinking. I am talking about heavy drinking, not social drinking. My impression is that we have very little social drinking at our mixers.

"This is a problem we have had for years, and it is about time we addressed it. More serious thought must be given to this area, as well as some planning to accommodate the anticipated change in the legal drinking age.

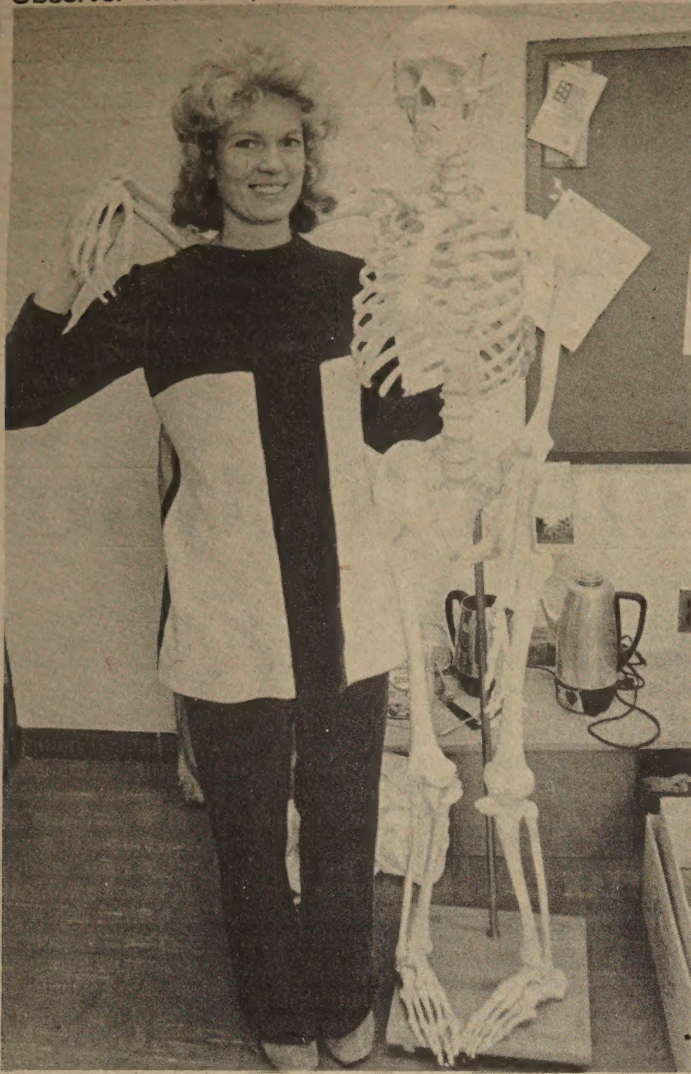
"I would suggest an increase in security

is in order as well as decrease in the amount of alcohol available. Another suggestion might be a limited number of beer tickets per student only sold with admission tickets at the door.

"Since this school has no liquor liability insurance, I believe we must make some of these changes.

"I am very concerned about this segment of the student activities program and have learned that other colleges are experiencing similar problems in this difficult to control area. Merrimack, Bradford, Lowell, to name a few.

The Council reports that the February mixer was a financial success as compared to the Christmas mixer. It generated a profit of \$90.39, whereas the December mixer lost over a \$1,000 due to the high cost of food and the band. However, it is very possible that the February event will barely break even due to the damage of the door in the handicapped stall of the upstairs men's room.



Rosemary Loveday, Instructor of Women's Sports and Leisure Studies, poses with Virginia Slim. Photo by Keith Sullivan.

CPR -- First Aid -- yoga teacher Rosemary Loveday

by Elizabeth Donahue

Virginia Slim, the skeleton lady, Mr. No Name with his internal organs spread all over the corner of the room, piles of blankets and on an old comfortable grey rocking chair with a yellow cushion — all these make up Rosemary Loveday's office at the gym. She's the pretty golden haired, slim instructor who spends her time teaching yoga, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid. In the fall, she expects to add aerobic dancing to her agenda.

Rosemary received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in physical education and went on to get her master's degree at Boston University in special education. She taught blind and retarded children at the Fernald State school in Waltham until she left to have a baby.

Later she was hired by NECC with much encouragement from Jack Wysong, then English teacher, now assistant to the president. He was her neighbor on Plum Island.

Rosemary is a trained emergency technician and she spends one day a month at the Anna Jacques hospital working in

the emergency room putting in her 100 hours every two years to keep her certification.

Her yoga classes are designed to join the physical, spiritual, and mental aspects of the person so that they work in harmony. She says that her C.P.R. course is becoming a requirement for many teachers and persons in industry to help save lives.

Rosemary, interviewed by telephone during last week's ice storm, said her house was shaking. It is up on pillars right along the ocean's edge. "There's nothing between me and England," she said, "but I love it here. I can jog along the beach and watch the birds and during a storm there're all kinds of exciting things happening."

Rosemary is planning a three-day bicycle trip to Martha's Vineyard for the school April 20. Lodging will be at a youth hostel. Complete cost is \$15.

On her agenda is teaching aerobic dancing for the fall semester. It is constant movement dancing designed to increase your heart and lung capacity.

search assistant Barbara Liberty is developing a faculty handbook, a resource directory, and a newsletter for distribution to Massachusetts community college faculty to assist them in serving handicapped students.

The federal government requires that all college program and activities be accessible to all qualified disabled students.

Russell says that many campuses are now architecturally accessible to almost all students, but that the largest barrier is the attitudinal one caused by lack of information. Russell is working to remedy the situation.

Director of the project is Rubin Russell who has served as director of Services to the Handicapped here and who wrote the application for the funding of the grant.

Russell is meeting on all campuses with administrative staff and faculty to plan workshops as needed.

Northern Essex will act as a clearing-house for materials relating to the teaching of handicapped college students. Re-

St. Patrick's day

the spirit of the shamrock lives on

by Linda MacPherson

Green beer, green clothes, even green hair, is not an uncommon sight on March 17. This old American custom is upheld by persons of various faiths to honor Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.

Strangely, it is not Patrick's birthday we celebrate, rather, it is his death, which took place in the year 493.

St. Patrick, whose original name was Maewyn, was sixteen when he was captured by Irish marauders and sold as a slave to a Druid chief, in what is now County Antrim, Ireland. There he spent six years as a swine-herd, learned the Celtic language, and became familiar with Irish ways.

When Patrick escaped from his master, he fled to the west coast of Ireland where he found a ship ready to sail, was allowed on board, and in a few days landed in Britain. After learning much about Irish ways, Patrick decided to devote himself to religious work and made his way to the monastery of St. Martin at Tours, where he studied for a while. He remained on the continent for more than eighteen years preparing himself for his work.

Patrick was commended to Pope Celestine and visited Rome. The Pope commissioned him to work in Ireland and in the summer of 433 he landed there at the mouth of the Vantry river near Wicklow Head. The Druids resented his arrival but he escaped from them and sought a more friendly territory. First, he went to his old master and converted the man and his family to Christianity. Patrick preached and taught in Ireland for many years, building churches and organizing parishes

and performing "miracles." He and his companions were taken captive twelve times by the Druids and once he was loaded with chains and condemned to death. He lived until March 17, 493, and was buried in a shroud made for him by St. Brigid, in the place on which in later years the Cathedral of Down was built.

Many traditions have grown up about the life of St. Patrick. One which is regarded as authentic is that in an effort to explain to the Irish people the mystery of the Trinity he plucked a shamrock and said that the three leaves represented the three persons of the Trinity and that the stem on which they grew represented the godhead and was typical of the unity of three in one.

Another tradition is the story of the snakes, and the expulsion of them from Ireland. Cardinal Moran, who wrote the article on St. Patrick in the Catholic Encyclopedia, does not mention it although he does tell of the besetment of St. Patrick by a crowd of demons in the shape of vultures and the final drowning of the demons in the sea in answer to the prayers of the saint. However, in the story of the snakes, St. Patrick had banished them all except one old serpent, which refused to leave. According to the story, St. Patrick made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected on the ground that it was not big enough to hold him but St. Patrick insisted that it was large enough to be comfortable. After a long discussion, the serpent finally agreed to enter the box to prove it was too small. As soon as the serpent was safely inside the saint shut the lid, fastened it and threw it into the sea.

NECC Program for foreign students

by Lynda Steen

What could Iranian, Japanese, Ecuadorian and Lebanese students possibly consider their major problem at NECC? As a result of the ESL program (English as a second language), the language barrier no longer poses any difficulty for the eighty-three foreign students now attending Northern Essex. ESL teacher and foreign Student Advisor Katherine Riley discussed during a recent interview the success of the ESL program and also many problems now facing several foreign students.

NECC maintains the largest foreign student body of all the Mass. State community College systems, and is recognized, stated Riley, "as providing the foreign students with the most successful and academically sound ESL program in the area." The ESL program is divided into four levels, each one semester, depending on the student's knowledge of English. Foreign students are required to take an English test, in which their capabilities are determined. Entrance into the ESL program doesn't guarantee acceptance into the college, and most ESL level and 11 students take no other college courses.

ESL levels one and two meet fourteen hours a week, the most hours NECC has ever been able to offer, due to a faculty increase. Along with Riley, Jane Thieffels works as a full-time teacher, and her responsibilities extend to the tutorial lab, offered to students having language related problems. Alan Hislop teaches as a part-time member of the ESL faculty.

ESL levels three and four offer a more intense study of the English language in the form of grammar, writing, and reading, and both meet seven hours a week. At both levels, foreign students are encouraged to take other college courses. Upon completion of the ESL program, students may apply for acceptance into the college through applying for a change of curriculum.

The most popular NECC major taken by foreign students is Engineering Science. Explains Riley, "Most of the Middle East students (Iranian and Lebanese students alone total sixty-two) want to become engineers, because that's where the money is in their countries. All the Universities in Lebanon and Iran are closed, and

an American Degree is more prestigious. Job placement with an American Degree is much better."

Riley also discussed the problems facing many foreign students, mostly the Iranian and Lebanese. Due to the unrest in Lebanon and Iran now, the students from both countries are no longer receiving any money, and they are unable to contact their parents. For students to work they must obtain a work permit required by the U.S. Immigration Office, allowing students to work up to twenty hours. Money problems have forced many foreign students to share apartments, sell any or all valuable possessions, and even work illegally to survive. The tuition hike could pose a definite threat to the already struggling students.

Another problem facing foreign students relates to the community. Many foreign students are experiencing a great deal of hostility from community members because they are foreign, and several students are having trouble finding housing. Claims Riley, "The community simply doesn't look upon the foreign students as a benefit." Students, being so unfamiliar with the American culture, are pretty withdrawn from school and society, because "they just don't want to be taken advantage of." Many an article can be read about colleges swindling the foreign students, and taking advantage of the unfortunate language barrier.

In the future the ESL program hopes to maintain the level they have achieved so far. Riley feels more services should be offered to the students and that the services already offered be made more readily available to the foreign students. Riley plans to institute an ESL Drop In Center two afternoons a week, beginning in March, to help students practice using their English. Both foreign and American students are welcome to participate or to come as speakers.

If the ESL program can hold onto the level it has already reached, it will only add to the accomplishments it has now achieved, and will undoubtedly continue to strive toward one goal — that of enabling the foreign student to accomplish almost anything.

Students protest new calendar

by John McIntosh

Jim Sanborn, regional Coordinator for the Student Advisory Commission, reports that 98 percent of the students polled are opposed to the new calendar which would alter the first semester so that finals would be in January.

He says that the commission is presenting the results of the poll to the Regional Board.

The following are objections to the plan contained in the faculty contract with the Board.

1. A two week recess in December is too close to Thanksgiving and too close to semester recess; it would disrupt the teaching-learning process.

2. There is not adequate time for grade processing, course registration and transcript preparation.

3. Student employment possibilities decrease during both the Christmas and summer breaks because of the late endings of the semester.

4. Student transfer to other colleges is made difficult because this calendar does not coincide with the calendars of colleges on different schedules.

5. The period after Christmas becomes "lame duck."

6. Intersession courses are impossible.

7. The short recess does not allow faculty enough time to prepare materials nor students time to recuperate from the fall semester.

8. Summer schools might have to be rescheduled.

9. Registration by mail would have to be scrapped.

10. The present calendar is wasteful of energy. The longer shutdown in mid-winter saves fuel and snow clearing expense and reduces accidents associated with bad weather travel.

11. Sixty-five percent of the community college students are in career programs. The new calendar puts graduates at a disadvantage, since those students graduating from other colleges in May will have first employment opportunities.

12. Foreign and out-of-state students may return home over the Christmas break; they cannot do so with a shorter break.

Additionally, clinical laboratory courses of nurses and other specialized health programs would disrupt hospital units with "the coming and going" of students conforming to the new calendar.

Another problem of the uniform calendar assigns system-wide action on assignment of snow days. Some colleges may be hit by heavy snow when others are not. The calendar would dictate cancelling classes where there might not be significant snowfall.

Sanborn says these changes have been suggested:

Extend lengths of class meeting times to permit the minimum of 2350 minutes. Begin classes the day after Labor Day; end the fall semester before Christmas. Permit 4 weeks between semesters. Start spring semesters classes in late January and end them before Memorial Day.

Make the calendar of the community calendar the same as the State Colleges and the University System.



Dr. Roger Gutner takes student's blood pressure as new Health Coordinator Pat Augeri looks on.

Photo by Keith Sullivan.

New health services coordinator Patricia Augeri

by Karl Olsen

Pat Augeri is the new coordinator Health Services here at NECC. She graduated from Holy Cross School of Nursing in South Bend, Indiana. She also attended St. Mary's College and Notre Dame in Indiana. Pat received a B.S.N. in 1977 from St. Anselm's College where she graduated magna cum laude. She chose to

work on her master's degree in counseling in order to become better equipped for dealing with student problems on an emotional as well as physical level.

While at St. Mary's, she worked in a health center as a nurse-counselor for two years. Her most recent work was at Lawrence General Hospital in an OB setting, with other experiences in chronic and rehabilitation nursing.

Pat is married and has two children. Her family lives in Georgetown. Here, her leisure activities include cross-country skiing, racquet ball, swimming, and reading, with a special interest in transcendental meditation and self-awareness.

The goal of the health services, the new coordinator claims, is to promote a policy of health and well-being on campus, stressing preventive health measures, increasing students' knowledge of health services, and utilizing community health resources by making students aware of their availability (clinics, hot lines, and agencies).

Services of the Health Center include the doctors' visits which are free of charge to full-time students. Other activities include an updating of objectives, distribution of a health survey, and co-sponsorship of upcoming "Fitness and Health Awareness" week: which will be March 19-23.

Pat's hours at Health Services are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Physicians are present two days; Dr. David Byrne is in on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. and Dr. Gutner is in on Fridays from 10-11 a.m.

Pat says that she hopes to work closely with the counseling office, rehabilitation counselor, and the Drop-in-Center.

Goodman is intern in counseling

by Elizabeth Donahue

N.E.C.C. has a very special counselor working at the College Center until May. She is Leslie Goodman, a former English teacher on sabbatical from Saugus High School while she pursues a master's degree in Counseling from Suffolk University.

While teaching at Saugus, Leslie became very involved in the potential drop-out students and spent one of her summers setting up a program to encourage these kids to remain in school.

Leslie believes that one of the most important qualities that you can develop in a child is a feeling of self worth.

Thomas Gordan, in his book *Parent Effectiveness Training*, states: "It is one of those simple but beautiful paradoxes of life: when a person feels that he is truly accepted by another, as he is, then he is free to move from there to begin to think about how he wants to change, how he wants to grow, how he can become different, how he might become more aware of what he is capable of being."

Leslie genuinely likes and accepts these students and tries to develop this sense of self-worth. She took two bus loads of these kids to see a ballet in Boston. "I didn't care

if they liked it, I just wanted them to be exposed to it, something different that they had never seen before," she said. She has had successes and failures and through it all has learned that you can't change the whole world at once; you can only change a little part of it and that's her goal.

Home for Leslie is Plum Island in a house that she shares with a friend. She developed a love for the ocean when she was young and her father owned a marina. She likes to sail and fish and walk along the beach. Up at dawn every morning, Leslie is a very positive person who has found an inner peace. This inner peace for her is happiness and she developed this when her sister and a friend decided to manage a one hundred acre farm in addition to teaching.

Getting up at five in the morning to feed the cattle, driving to Saugus High, returning to finish feeding the animals, and work in the huge garden, she says "spending every weekend and vacation on this farm helped me to develop a oneness with myself. All the ideas I had about myself and where I was going seemed to push away and the real me, the person I wanted to become, emerged."



Leslie Goodman, Intern in Counseling.

Photo by Keith Sullivan.

Facts worth filing

by Judi Dusombre

Strange that some of the most talented people have died in airplane crashes. Killed, since 1931: Knute Rockne, Will Rogers, Wiley Post, Carole Lombard, Mike Todd, Buddy Holly, J.P. Richardson, Ritchie Valens, Patsy Cline, Lloyd "Cowboy" Copas, Harold Hawkins, Jim Reeves, Otis Redding, Rocky Marciano, Audie Murphy, Jim Croce, Graham Hill.

John Adams lived the longest of the presidents, 90 years and 247 days.

Shelley Anderson, the first winner of the Annual Unofficial Miss Las Vegas Showgirl Pageant, hosted by Steve Allen, turned a lamp on and off to the time of music as her talent performance.

The three sporting events won by going backwards:

1. Tug of war 2. back stroke (swimming) 3. rowing

Jane Barbe is the woman whose recorded voice has given the time over the telephone since 1964. She also says "I'm sorry, but the number you have dialed..."

Some of the earlier names for the Beatles include: the Beat Boys, Quarrymen, Johnny and the Moondogs, Silver Beatles, the Rainbows. George Harrison is the eldest of the Beatles, (1943) the others were all born in 1940. McCartney's wife, Linda and Lennon's wife Yoko Ono, were born in Scarsdale, N.Y. and attended Sarah Lawrence College.

"Jonathan Livingston Seagull" by Richard Bach is the only book in history that won the Best Selling Novel award for two consecutive years in 1972-73.

Big Ben is the name of the bell (13½ tons) in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament in London. The name is often incorrectly applied to the clock itself. The bell was named after Benjamin Hall who was Chief Commissioner of Works in 1856 when the bell was cast.

John Dillinger (Public Enemy Number 1) was shot to death by Federal agents in front of the Biograph Theatre, 2433 Lincoln Ave. in Chicago's North Side. Dillinger had watched a 1934 gangster film "Manhattan Melodrama," starring Clark Gable and William Powell.

Caduceus is the symbol of the medical profession: a snake (or two snakes) entwined on a rod.

Calamity Jane: nickname of Martha Jane Canary Burke, said to have been married 12 times. She died 27 years to the day after Wild Bill Hickok, said to be her lover, was killed.

Al Capone's business card read: Alphonse Capone, Second Hand Furniture Dealer.

Humphrey Bogart starred in 76 motion pictures. In 1937 and 1939 he made seven pictures a year. Bogart was married four times.

John Wilkes Booth had a brother Edwin Thomas, who was an actor. Edwin Thomas Booth has been elected to the Hall of Fame of Great Americans.

The first television commercial was aired on July 1, 1941, at a cost of \$9.00. The commercial was sponsored by the Bulova Watch Company.

Cadillac Ranch is Stanley Marsh III's 13,000-acre ranch outside of Amarillo, Texas, where he buries Cadillac automobiles with the rear half of the car sticking out of the ground.

China's dilemma War or progress?



Prof. Gerard Morin expounds point on China.
Joe Pallaria Photo.

by Bill Deslongchamps

China today is a prime topic of conversation in America. With the trade treaties, the U.S. recognition of the P.R.C. and the recognition of Taiwan as part of China, America has much direct interest in China's future plans. The intervention in Vietnam and the distinct possibility of conflict with the Soviet Union is a cause of concern to American foreign policy.

Northern Essex Prof. Gerard Morin has offered some insight into these occurrences in East Asia and their significance to the superpowers. Prof. Morin teaches Modern China and Japan at this college.

Morin sees no distinct possibility of immediate confrontation between the Soviets and China. If it occurs, a war, it will be totally accidental. He says, "The mobilization of troops along the Sino-Soviet border was a warning. The Soviet Union is stepping up its degree of warning. These are just signs ... the Soviet Union has been good to the Chinese, allowing them room to back out and save face." He sees each side seeking one major item. "China has got to say a lesson has been taught to the Vietnamese. Vietnam has got to show its people rising up against China. The Soviet Union has got to say 'we put the screws to them (meaning China)'. In this scenario everyone wins; no one loses.

What preceded the Chinese invasion of Vietnam was the December invasion of Cambodia by insurgent Khmer forces (in opposition to the Pol Pot regime) with the assistance of Vietnamese regular forces. China took the overthrow of the Pol Pot regime to be the equivalent of "throwing sand in the face." Cambodia was China's ally and through Vietnam's invasion the new regime has moved into the Viet/Soviet axis.

Prof. Morin sees the United States in a very embarrassing position. "The United States can't undo what developed during the Teng visit (referring to Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-Ping's January visit to the U.S.). If a major war occurs, accidentally, the U.S. is in a terrible position to perhaps decide between the Soviet Union and China." He sees the reason for the recent improvements in Sino-Ameri-

can relations to be a combination of economic/political and military factors.

Prof. Morin also stated that the present American diplomatic position in Asia is highly unique.

In the past when relations with China deteriorated, relations with Japan got closer. This is why the tremendous effort to rebuild Japan after World War II was undertaken. Prof. Morin stated that "the idea that we helped to rebuild Japan simply because we like Japan is unrealistic.

"When China became Communist in 1949, the U.S. wanted any ally, a counter to China on the mainland. That is why we built up Japan to be a strong economic power. The U.S. has now gotten close to China. Who's left out? — the Soviet Union. That's why there is danger and fear where realignment is heading."

Morin disagrees with his colleagues on Carter's foreign policy; he feels the president's foreign policy has been good so far. He says, "What could have been done in Iran — nothing."

On the Chinese charge of the Soviets being "hegemonist" Prof. Morin dismisses the charge as a case of the kettle calling the pot black. It's true, he feels, but propaganda. "China could be charged with the same thing — global intentions, exporting revolution, etc."

Could China live with a Diem Bien Phu (the final defeat of the French Indochina forces by the Viet Minh-1954)? Morin answers, "A Dien Bien Phu would be a disaster for Teng Hsiao-Ping ... the Politburo could cut him off. He could be blamed for the whole thing, the Politburo would say."

He feels that Russia will fight to the last Vietnamese soldier, and observes Vietnam's thirty years of fighting experience against the French, and the Americans. Morin wonders if Teng has not miscalculated the Viets' will to resist, and suggests that if the Chinese cannot exorcise themselves from Indochina, Teng's dream of advancing China into the 21st century may be ruined along with him in a prolonged war.

Teng Hsiao-Ping and his co-leader Hua Kuo-Feng have laid the groundwork for an ambitious plan to elevate domestic and agricultural growth. Prof. Morin sees the plan of Teng to be "a monumental task, extremely difficult even with 25 years of peace." A war of a prolonged nature will deplete manpower and resources, endangering Teng's task ahead, for he sees his place in history as leader of a modernization drive, not a military victory over 'Nam.

He sees the Soviet Union, unwilling to spread itself thin in East Asia. The Persian Gulf and its vital resources are what the Soviets may be eyeing, not the Chinese border. Iran is of supreme importance to Russia, in the Gulf region, he claims.

Next issue: Roots of the current conflict.



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Northern Essex begins self-study for reaccreditation



Dr. John Spurk, head of NECC's Self-Study Committee.

by Michael A. Koren

In an effort to achieve reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Northern Essex Community College has begun the process of institutional self-study. To make the accreditation possible, Northern Essex's Self-Study Committee chaired by Dr. John Spurk has divided its members into nine task forces which in turn will concentrate on nine key areas of the college.

The forces were named respectively, Objectives, directed by Carlton Beal and

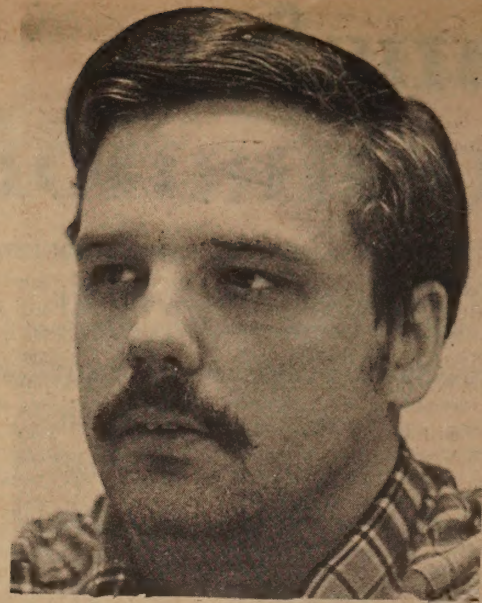
Dr. Robert McDonald; Organization and Governance, directed by John Sabbagh; Program and Instruction, directed by Chris Armstrong; Faculty, directed by Donald Pailles and Jack Warner; Student Services, directed by Norman Landry and Phil Bouchard; Library and Learning Resources, directed by John Peroni and Gerald Morin; Physical and Financial Resources, directed by Susan Towne and Cecilia Furlotte; Evaluation and Planning, directed by John Palmucci and Gabriel Brahm; and Ethical Standards in Special Activities and Publication and Advertis-

ing, directed by Joe Rizzo and Dr. Spurk.

Dr. Spurk, who was also director of the Self-Study Program in 1967, feels confident that all areas of the college are in good shape but anything necessitating improvement will be handled by the competent task forces.

In April 1980, Northern Essex will welcome a volunteer team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges who will survey and work with the nine key areas.

The college will be responsible for board and expenses of the team who, if they see everything fit, will virtually give Northern Essex Community College its reaccreditation.



Jim Sanborn : a profile

by John McIntosh

Jim Sanborn, a former veteran, is enrolled in the criminal justice program. He is presently employed by the Banker's Detective Agency as chief detective. As a veteran, Jim served in Vietnam for 18 months in combat for the Marines. When Jim came home, he worked in several jobs including a construction company. With a falling economy the construction company started to fall, and Jim decided to attend Northern Essex.

Jim has been involved in several functions including the presidency of the radio station, membership on the Student Council, membership on the Surplus Money committee, and regional coordinator for the Student Advisory Commission (S.A.C.).

One of Sanborn's and the committee's main achievements is the growth of the radio station, WRAZ. When Jim first arrived at NECC, the radio station had very little equipment. In the fall of 1977, the radio station joined the Intercollegiate Broadcast System (IBS) with the help of

Sanborn's securing allocations which made WRAZ a first class operation.

Members of IBS are colleges all over America who have radio stations. IBS brings these colleges together and teaches them the business of running a station. At these meetings the students learn from disc jockeys, technicians, and news broadcasters and bring the information back to their home stations.

Sanborn's and the club's main interest in the station is to make it not just a station to play records but to inform the campus community about activities, class cancellations, and weather reports.

The lounge in F building at present is the only place in the school where the station can be heard. By the end of this semester phase one of the station will be completed. This will wire the radio station to the cafeteria, the gym, and also the center in the classroom building. Then students may be more aware of functions and news of the school.

Sanborn has made significant contributions to the college. When he graduates in June, he will be missed.

by Jim Sanborn

All those who tried to get to school Monday Feb. 26, especially those who had accidents, please drop a note to the Dean of Students of the amount of the accident or injuries incurred.

Book review

Book Review by Kim LaFrance

If the mood ever comes, and you want to get into the deep, pick up Hugh Prather's book *I TOUCH THE EARTH, THE EARTH TOUCHES ME*.

The author captures age: young and old, death, love, hate, envy and simple pleasure that occur in all our lives.

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"There is no such thing as a mistake. There is only what happens."

Don't let the book float by. It is only \$2.95 and is a treasure.



Security Guard Helmer Carlson takes a break from the storm which hit the area. Notice his heavy gear.

Photo credit: Al Fraden.

Security guards

by Al Fraden

Ever wonder how security guards brave below-freezing temperatures while walking from one parking lot to the other? "Endurance is the word," said veteran guard Helmer Carlson as he entered the Lost & Found office which also houses all guards. He had been outside for a few hours during Monday's snow-sleet storm that hit the area.

Captain Warren Sutcliffe, supervisor of the 14-member crew, says the storm caused a few problems for several students whose car doors would not open. Some cars were spotted with their lights on but those cars had no parking permits, making it hard for guards to identify the owners and alert them.

Both Sutcliffe and Carlson said the problem of illegally-parked cars is "getting out of hand." They complained that signs have been posted but they still find vehicles blocking entrances. They also claim that many students, while parking, take the space of two cars. "It only takes a few minutes to park the right way," said Carlson.

A dog was seen visiting near the C Building recently and Carlson wants to remind students that dogs are not allowed on campus.

Students who do not have a parking permit may secure one at the security guard's office, C Building, first floor (next to elevator).



Captain of Security Warren Sutcliffe checks through Lost and Found Log. by Al Fraden.

Transfer Information

TRANSFER MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10 A.M.

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COLLEGE	DATE	TIME	PLACE
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Notre Dame	Tues. March 20	11:00-1:30	Cafeteria
U. Mass. Boston	Thurs. March 22	11:00-1:00	Cafeteria
New Hampshire College (Salem, N.H.)	Wed. April 4	10:00-1:00	Cafeteria

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Fly to Nathaniel Hawthorne

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE FREE FLIGHT AND DAY TOUR.

Tuesday March 27 Luise Rosen, admissions counselor for Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, New Hampshire, will arrive at the Lawrence airport in the College's AZTEC to escort any students who are interested in aviation back up to New Hampshire for the day. A tour is arranged by the College's Airport, which houses 2 DC-3's and a combined fleet of fourteen Arrows, Cessnas and Aztecs. The teaching staff will be on hand to describe Hawthorne's various programs in Aviation and Airline Management.

Once a sideline to the College's business and liberal arts curriculum, the aerospace program has steadily expanded until now Hawthorne offers one of the strongest aviation training grounds in the Northeast.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT MS. BETTY COYNE AT THE COUNSELING OFFICE ROOM 118, COLLEGE CENTER (LOWER LEVEL CARPETED LOUNGE). DEADLINE MARCH 20, TUESDAY.

In case of foul weather on the 27, this excursion will be postponed to March 29. Contact: Jerry Reneau 603-588-6341, ext. 299, NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE COLLEGE, Antrim, New Hampshire, 03440.



The last day to petition for

June graduation 1979 is March 12.

Those who do not meet

this deadline will not graduate.

Registrar's Office.

'La Ronde' plays in April

by Bob Pomerleau

"The budget cut won't have a serious effect on our program for this semester," says Gene Boles, the energetic advisor of the Drama Club, "but it is difficult to predict what our situation will be like in the fall ... we may run out of money by then."

The Drama Club is not exempt from the budget fluctuations that result from changes in student enrollment. It is a fortunate coincidence, however, that Boles is teaching a course in play directing, this semester. His students will be responsible

for set and costume design, lighting, and directing the one full-length and five one-act plays that make up the club's program for this semester.

Between the attendant savings in production costs and a much-needed increase in audience size, Boles is hopeful that the club will not have to depend on the availability of contingency funds to continue its activities in the fall.

The club's first presentation, "La Ronde," is scheduled for the Third Story Theatre in the classroom building, in mid-April.

Local band: Floyd Ladd

by Dana Dodge

A local rock and roll band calling themselves FLOYD LADD are beginning to make their way up that long road to success. The band can be seen at various night clubs throughout the Greater Boston area. In a world of disco, the music of FLOYD LADD is refreshing. It is not disco, but the songs have a dancable beat without becoming tiring.

FLOYD LADD plays a variety of music from a variety of artists. Selections range from oldies like "I'm your captain" by GRAND FUNK RAILROAD to current hits like "just what I needed" by THE CARS. Other groups in the FLOYD LADD repertoire include ERIC CLAPTON, AEROSMITH, and BLUE OYSTER CULT, to name just a few.

All the members of the band work full-time at various jobs during the day. FLOYD LADD practices at least six nights a week and often times seven. Each practice is usually four to six hours long.

Although FLOYD LADD has been in existence about three months, the band has already encountered rough going. A drummer has come and gone. He was replaced by Dana Henderson, who was the drummer of another local group called FORCE.

FLOYD LADD adds originality to its musical repertoire with songwriting by the

lead singer Daryl Betucci. Peter Barker, the group's leader and manager, provides some exciting guitar playing along with some sound background vocals. Bob Kelley is a steady guitar player and he also sings. Rounding out the five piece band is Byard Horsman on bass guitar. Byard also does background vocals.

The most impressive feature about FLOYD LADD is its desire for perfection. With other artists' songs, the group goes to great lengths to duplicate the exact sounds, both instrumental and vocal of the original group. When performing original FLOYD LADD music, that fine edge is there.

With odds like 500-1, most bands are forced to abandon their pursuit of success. For those who do not abandon it, the door is wide open.

Although there are many rock-n-roll bands similar to FLOYD LADD, playing in various nightclubs throughout the U.S. and the world, only about one out of every 500 bands make it to the "top." The fantasy of filling Boston Garden to capacity is just that, a fantasy, for most groups, but with bands like FLOYD LADD that fantasy is a goal.



Beantown review

by Jim Dolan

With the ever present legislation concerning the "Drinking Bill" pending in the Senate and House, now may be a good time to hit some of Boston's famous and not so famous drinking holes, some of them back alley clubs and pubs.

For the person interested in jazz, there is Pooh's Pub on the south side of town. This is a place where you can always find good booze ... a good beat ... and always a good time. If you don't drink, but are interested in good jazz, try the Berklee Performance Center of the famed Berklee School of Music. This center hosts the upcoming young artists as well as the old.

For good ol' Rock and Roll there are an infinite number of places you can go to hear the new, old and today's Rock and Roll. But if you really want to hear the future big name groups coming up on the Boston scene, Jack's of Cambridge has about all the names you could care to listen to. Some nights at Jack's it's rock, some nights it's jazz; it all depends on when you get there. Jack's has featured some great artists, including the one and only Bruce Springsteen.

Now if you're really in the mood for some down home foot stomping, handclapping music, then head on down to Jonathan Swift's. This place is the best spot to hit for a real good time whether you're with the girls, the guys or on a date. As well as real fine music, it has excellent tasting "grog."

But we must not forget the music which is sweeping the country almost as fast as inflation, Disco. There are almost as many Disco's in and around the Boston area as there are bars. Every Disco seems to offer the same music and atmosphere. But if you're looking for a different kind of light to dance to, there is Boston, Boston located on Lansdown St. in back of Fenway Park. Or if you want live disco music from top notch bands, then all you have to do is take one step out side of Boston to Lynn or to Quincy. Located in Lynn it's the Harbor House, and in Quincy it's the Carlton house. Both of these places feature such names as Tavares, The Blue Notes, and some of Boston's own groups like Breakway and Waves.

No matter what kind of music you like, it can be found in Boston. So if you are heading into Boston with your dance skins on, there are more than enough places in Beantown and around.

by Bill Deslongchamps

Movie reviews

'Superman'

Superman is entertainment. It poses no questions about man's inhumanity to man or matters of a political nature; it does not sermonize. If the measure of a movie is its ability to satisfy without engaging the brain in deep thought, then **Superman** is a success.

Superman opens with a tribute to its roots. A child reads the prologue from a copy of Action Comics (in which the character debuted in 1938). An animation shot of the Daily Planet in the style of the Fleischer Studios **Superman** cartoons (classics of the early 40's) follows. And then come the titles which are unique special effects on their own, delivered stunningly amidst the fanfare of the title theme by John Williams (author of the "Star Wars" soundtrack).

The movie opens on the planet Krypton, depicted as a crystalline planet (in opposition to the comicbook's version of it being a floral paradise).

The special effects used in the Kryptonian sequences are among the film's best, especially the trial of three would-be dictators and their subsequent humane execution to a two-dimensional world. Marlon Brando in the key role of Jor-El, **Superman's** (Kal-El) father, gives a credible performance, especially the speech he gives his infant son on the eve of Krypton's destruction. The Father-Son dialogue ("Where you go I shall always be") will

probably alarm some fundamentalist Christians, with its quasi-religious connotations. Susannah York as Lara (**Superman's** mother), Trevor Howard as the first elder of the ruling council and Terence Stamp, especially, all do well in minor roles.

After the planet's subsequent destruction (due to a supernova and explosion of its red sun) and the transportation of the infant Kal-El via starship (it looks like a star) to Earth; the action shifts to Smallville. Smallville is the forte of photographer Geoffrey Unsworth's efforts. His wide sweeping panoramas of the mid-western plains, the wind playing with the wheat under the endless skyline, add a depth to these sequences.

Superman's adopted parents, the Kents, are aptly played by Glenn Ford (as Jonathan) and Phyllis Thaxter (as Martha). Glenn Ford gives a hint of his great talent in his death scene: the momentary fear/helplessness in his eyes as he succumbs to a heart attack. Jeff East as the young Clark Kent proves himself to be a comer in films of the future. Smallville and the Kryptonian sequences are excellently executed and dramatic in tone; the pace is continued to the point on which Jeff East encounters the spirit of his father in the polar regions of the Northland.

After a 12-year hiatus with Jor-El at the pole, Christopher Reeve portrays the now-

adult **Superman** in the setting of Metropolis (New York). The film runs off the track here in spite of the inspired performances of Reeve and Margot Kidder as Lois Lane. Kidder adds dimensional depth to her role; she is not as straight-laced as the TV depiction of Lois, Marc McClure, as Jimmy Olsen, is not burdened by the "Jeepers, Mr. Kent" lines that plagued Jack Larson in the '50's and Jackie Cooper, as Perry White, does well in the hard-bitten editor role giving again an added realism to the script.

It is in the personification of Lex Luthor (**Superman's** legendary arch-foe) by Gene Hackman that the script and dialogue go haywire. After five minutes of Hackman's Luthor you'll feel that he should have been on Krypton when it blew. What always was the battle between the super-intellect and its overwhelming evil, and the personification of good as embodied in **Superman** becomes a battle of the supreme egotist against **Superman**. Hackman plays Luthor with a sarcastic bent. Ned Beatty, of "Deliverance" fame plays a bumbling sidekick (a throwback to the late, unlamented "Batman" TV Show) and Valerie Perrine plays the role of Luthor's moll (causing the film to suffer further harm).

Christopher Reeve is to be commended for carrying out the role of Clark Kent/**Superman** with measureable success. In his hands they are two separate

roles. His acting is superior to George Reeves in the title role and his character is of sufficient depth that it does not suffer from the pure-as-driven-snow image.

Flaws can be found in **Superman's** execution and production. The Salkinds, Alexander and Ilya, seemed to spend too much money on stars and not enough on some necessary effects. An earthquake/landslide later in the film is of the Japanese horror show variety as opposed to the earlier, better executed Krypton scenes. Richard Donner, the director, still seems like he's directing "Kojak" instead of **Superman**; a better rein by him on the Luthor sequences might have helped measurably. The original story line as written by Mario Puzo (author of the *Godfather* book) is followed but his original script was butchered by David and Leslie Newman. The Salkinds thought Puzo's original effort "too heavy" and employed the Newmans to correct that problem. The more absurd sequences are their doing. Robert Benton was hired as an additional screenwriter to follow a moderate course between Puzo and the Newmans, one feels he came up short, the better sequences you can thank Puzo for.

Superman is worth an afternoon and the ending is worth the wait, you may even feel that two and a half hours was not long enough for the film. It is enjoyment, cut and dry, and has been nominated for three Academy awards.

'The Last Wave'

The Last Wave opens on a fairly high emotional plateau, descends gracefully to its middle point and starts an ascent to a shocking climax. **The Last Wave** is a success, brilliantly executed and basically unflawed. It should be an Academy Award Nominee in the Foreign Film category, clearly up to par with past nominees "The Seven Beauties" and "Black and White in Color" though a step below Truffaut's "400 Blows."

The Last Wave is a product of the Australian Cinema industry never known for great efforts in the past. This latest effort should help put to rest any doubts about a dearth of talent from Down Under.

The movie opens with a hailstorm on a clear desert day. The hail is the size of golfballs, this being the first of many significant special effects carried out successfully. **The Last Wave** digresses itself away from the desert to Sydney, Australia, which is being pounded by one torrential rainstorm after another. Enter the aborigines, the two most notable being Chris Lee (played by Gulpilil) and Charley (played by Nanjiwarra Amagula). Chris Lee and three other aborigines are to be tried for the murder of another of their race. The unfortunate victim of the wrath has stolen a rock of significant importance to the story and is found with his lungs flooded. "Charley" is a friend of Chris Lee's, who plays witch doctor/tribal head in an urban area with no tribe, so the Australians believe.

Enter Richard Chamberlain (he of Dr. Kildare fame) as a corporate taxation

lawyer who steps out of that field into criminal law to take the case on behalf of the aboriginal defendants. As the case develops, so does the movie. Chris Lee and Charley start entering David Burton's (Richard Chamberlain) world through the channels of his dream.

The tension grows as his dreams become realities; he is like the classical Cassandra as the truths start unfolding to the climatic ending.

Richard Chamberlain has laid to rest his Kildare image in recent years. He has fine tuned his acting ability via the Shakespearean stage and a prolonged stay in England. His recent performances of the last few years, must notably *Hamlet* and *The Man in the Iron Mask* have shown he is fully a master of the stage and camera and **The Last Wave** puts him in that perspective.

As David Burton, Chamberlain is excellent; we see the character slowly trying to grasp the truths as they appear, differentiating between the fantasy and reality until he arrives at the conclusion. Slowly he comes unraveled as the puzzle comes together.

Olivia Hamnett as Burton's wife, Anne, gives a good performance. Her character is one of strength that declines as the film proceeds, similar to Chamberlain's. She sees in reality, in one sequence, what her husband sees in a dream. Ms. Hamnett has done well with her minor supporting role.

Gulpilil is the standout of the aborigine actors. As Chris Lee (who leads David Burton to what he seeks) he adds a dimen-

sion to a vital role, for he is the catalyst. Nanjiwarra Amagula as Charley does well in an ambiguous role, though I came away with the feeling that something was incomplete about Charley, he appears too superficial. The other aboriginal actors were add-ons essentially to fill out and dimensionalize that background from which Chris Lee and Charley emerged.

The flaws of **The Last Wave** are that you have to be aware of Australia and its uni-

que conditions. The storyline, conceived by director Peter Weir, takes for granted a knowledge of Australian ways, in much the same way as American movies expect you to be familiar with America. In this aspect the movie demands close attention to detail; parts and occurrences are not explained so awareness is vital. You will be rewarded for your efforts with fine quality entertainment. The ending is marvelous, something almost out of Revelation.

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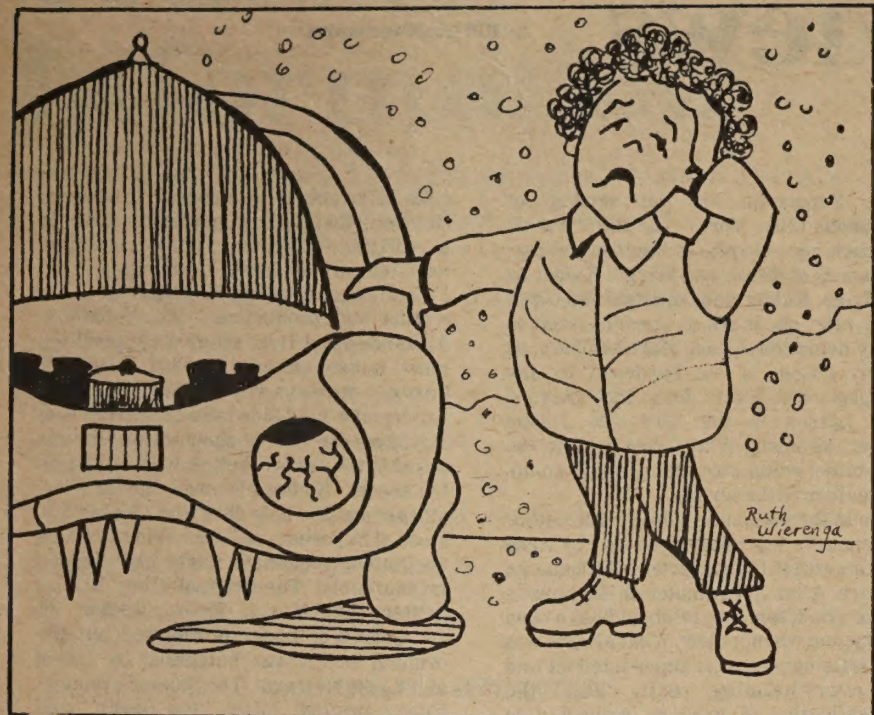
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Weekend mechanic

Hot tips for cold starts

by William Zinser

On a frigid winter morning there are few sounds more disheartening than the slow, labored groans of a cold engine refusing to start. Dumping the problem in the lap of a competent road serviceman is an appealing idea, but on a bad morning he may not show up for hours. Instead, if you understand the problem, you can probably get yourself going just as well.

To pinpoint the cause of cold weather no-start, you first find the car's malfunctions, then try various cures in the likeliest order. But, as with any patient, an ounce of prevention is worth all the cures you can try. First off, your car should be in a good state of "tune" ... that is, have a motor which does not have cracked spark plug wires or a cracked distributor cap. Worn out plugs and points should have been discarded long before the cold spell began. Any breakdown in the points or plugs capability to work will result in a greatly decreased "spark" available to fire the motor up.

On occasion the cause of those low, lifeless growls is not the battery at all, but the battery cables. Any corrosion that might develop between cable and battery terminal can choke off an already winter weakened charge.

Another reason for slow cold starting engines is the type of oil used. While a 30 or 40 weight oil may be fine for summer driv-

ing, an oil of this viscosity is like grease at temperatures below 10° F. This can add up to enough internal engine friction to make it impossible for the starter to turn the motor over.

The cure?

Switch to a lighter oil such as 5-20 or straight 10 weight.

Let's say that the motor turns over fast enough but does not start. One of the best ways to get the motor going would be to remove the air cleaner and spray a quick burst of starting fluid directly into the carburetor. Starting fluid, also known as diethyl ether, is extremely flammable to temperatures down to -60°F. With this, even a winter-weakened spark can get a cold motor going. A note of caution: Ether vapors are so flammable that it is explosive.

Lastly, there are still two tricks to try. First, before you go to bed why not go out and run your motor for ten minutes or so with everything off. This allows the alternator to charge the battery to the maximum.

Secondly, if your car is equipped with a standard transmission and you live near a hill, park it there. If your car does not start in the morning you will have the option of "jumping" the car down the hill.

Remember, a car properly tuned is your best bet against no-starts. Treat it right and it will treat you right.

Insure your pet's return

by Althea Schmidt

Anyone who ever lost a pet that meant a great deal will be glad to hear of a new film that has worked out an almost foolproof system of insuring your pet's safe return.

Fortunate Pet Products is offering a metal disk to attach to a pet's collar, that is inscribed with the owner's name, address and telephone number. The disk will also have a collect number directly connected to the pet firm's central offices in Charlottesville, Va.

In that office the firm has information concerning the pet, plus numbers to be called to reach the pet's owners. The owners will be called every hour for 48 hours. If they can not be reached, the firm also has instructions from the pet's owner on what should be done if the pet is hurt.

The service costs \$10 for the life of the animal. To acquire a metal disk, contact the local distributor of Fortunate Pet Products, Joanne Haigney at Security Dynamics, 51 Berkeley Street, Lawrence, Mass.

Generation gap

by Maureen F. Rose

We took a small, unscientific but enlightening poll on the differences between dating now and twenty years ago. The questions concerned both the actual activities and the goals of dating.

Then, as now, the activities included: movies, spectator and participation sports, rock concerts, eating out, dancing, house parties, and 'just riding around' (the latter is becoming prohibitive, however, with gas prices rising).

The major difference, then, seems to be in the goals. A generation ago the objects were to have fun and enjoy peer popularity and, ultimately, to marry and have children. Now, as the saying goes, two out of three ain't bad! Marriage is not being totally scrapped in favor of 'blessed singlehood' according to reliable statistics which show that ninety-five percent of

Americans still opt for the trip down the aisle. (Equally reliable 'stats' show that ninety-five percent of Americans are neurotic in one area or another, albeit, not necessarily the same ninety-five percent.)

But people are inclined to put off marriage and children nowadays.

Over 12 million Americans between the ages of twenty and thirty-five are single, an increase of fifty percent over the last ten years, says Newsweek.

Seemingly, people are more relaxed with and flexible towards each other now and don't go into relationships with visions of silver patterns and strollers dancing in their heads. More time is devoted to getting to know where the other person stands and more thought given to the fact that life is a process of continuous emotional growth and change.

Job search workshops planned

There will be career planning and job search workshops in the months of March, April, and May. They will be at the Career Resource Library in Room 111, College Center.

The schedule is in the attached box.

The Placement and Career Services Office at NECC is to provide students with career employment information and to assist in career planning. Job notices that are received will be posted on bulletin boards in addition to notices sent to those who register with the Office of Placement and Career Services.

Notices will be on the bulletin boards near the College Resource Library in the College center, B building near room 209; and C building near room 109. Specific career related jobs will be posted near room C315 for business; near room C373 for human services; near room C360 for liberal arts; near room B120 for health professions; near B303 for office and business education; and near room E-254 for science and technology.

For more information, visit the Career Resource Library in Room 111, College Center, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily and Wednesdays until 7:30 p.m.

Resume Writing Workshops
Career Planning Orientation
Interview Techniques Workshops
Job Search Techniques Workshops
Career Drop-In

Dick Pastor, Director of the Office of Placement and Career Services has announced that these prospective employers will be interviewing at the College Center. Interested persons should make appointments at Room F111.

March 5, 6, 9;

Braniff Airlines, interviews for flight attendants

March 7:

Metropolitan Insurance

March 14:

Equitable Life Assurance

March 15:

Casey J. Hanning (technology majors) and U.S. Navy

March 19:

CVS

March 21:

U.S. Army and Mass. Div. of Employment Security

March 23:

Hampstead Hospital

March 27:

Career Guidance Institute - over 50 area companies will be in the gym 9-12 noon

April 3:

Brigham's and Hawthorne Girl Scout Council

April 4:

Honeywell

March 5, April 13, April 11

March 23, April 4

March 12, April 20, April 18

March 19, April 27, April 25

April 2, May 2, May 4



Friendship force

BOSTON — The Friendship Force, an international citizens exchange program is coming to Boston.

In making the announcement, Governor Edward J. King said, "The initial flight will afford the opportunity for 254 Greater Boston residents to visit an undisclosed foreign city as goodwill ambassadors May 2 to 13. At the same time a group of 254 people from the host foreign city will visit the metropolitan Boston area."

The Governor will serve as honorary state chairman of the Friendship Force. Alan Tremain of Boston will serve as Flight Chairman for the initial exchange. Mr. Tremain is President of the Hotels of Distinction, Inc., and Managing Director of the Copley Plaza Hotel.

Each friendship flight lasts ten days. The first and last days of the trip are usually reserved for travel. The intervening days are divided into two 4-day

home stay segments. Friendship Force ambassadors spend four days living and working with one host and then move on to a second host family. Attempts are made to match ambassadors with hosts who have the same occupation. Ambassadors may forego the second four-day home stay period in favor of independent travel at their own expense.

Anyone is eligible for the Friendship Force. The cost to an individual will be \$325.

The Friendship Force exchange is an outgrowth of a program established by President and Mrs. Carter in Georgia six years ago while the chief executive was serving as Governor. They worked out a people to people exchange between Georgia and Brazil. After he became President, Carter urged the nation's governors to endorse the Friendship Program.

YWCA lecture

Especially for women

The Greater Lawrence YWCA's Women's Resource Center has planned two March programs on personal issues for women. Both programs are designed to address the mental and physical aspects of female sexuality by expanding upon traditional information and learning methods.

MIXED MESSAGES on Thursday, March 15, will deal with the various verbal and non-verbal messages we have received about our sexuality. The focus of this morning program, scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon, is to appreciate your body for its strengths and pleasures, and dispel contradictions of sexual stereotypes. The instructor will be Anne Wheelock, M.S.W. The fee for the program is \$5.00-\$8.00, depending on ability to pay.

On March 29, Judith Townsend, Physician's Assistant of Haverhill OBS/GYN. Associates, will lead a workshop on WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE: WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND DEMAND. By sharing information about women's sexual and reproductive anatomy, and what is involved in a gynecological examination, an attempt will be made to de-mystify the health care system. The program will provide adequate information to encourage women to take responsibility for assessing their own health needs. The evening workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The fee is \$3.00.

For further information on these programs, call the YWCA at 687-0331. Emily Defusco Perkins, director of YWCA Women's Resource Center.

Album review

National health

by Jim Berwick

Ah yes, National Health fans can now relish the release of the band's second album, "Of Queues and Cures" in their present form. But "present form" even for durations of eight or nine months (ala, UK) seems to be a defiance of the norm these days, and as if to act on queues keyboardist, and founding father Dave Stewart has defected to rejoin drummer Bill Burford (formerly together in Gong) to assist in his new project.

Which brings to mind an interesting question: does Stewart's departure from National Health signal the closing of the last session of the Canterbury school, which provided such fertile stomping grounds for experimental music for so many years?

Not if their new album is any indication, where the band proves itself to be the innovative force most people expected them to be from the start.

Though the first album was well-crafted and technically sound, the compositions centered themselves around standard jazz rock. Individuality in the playing but hardly any signs of continuity were shown. They liken themselves at times to being carbon copies of Return To Forever or Tony Williams "Lifetime," pretty but not necessarily nice.

This time, thanks to a new line-up which implements an overabundance of excitement and versification to the sound and compositions, the band seems to be taking more chances with the result being quite a bit more rewarding.

One of the new recruits, Henry Cow bassist John Greaves seems to have found the surroundings very comfortable, at least for now, allowing him to produce the

most outstanding piece on the album which stretches his fellow musicians to their fullest capabilities, while exploring new boundaries along the way. The song takes off in mid-flight and never looks back. It's chock full of interchangeable rhythms and flowering textures with none of the meandering that flawed Greaves' earlier works with Henry Cow.

Cello plays a vital role here as second new member Georgie Born dramatizes the piece with a flare all her own.

New talent in an established band can sometimes make or break the concentration of the ones who've remained. But not in this case. It's safe to say that guitarist Phil Miller has been rejuvenated. Miller's composition, "Dreams Wide Awake" stages a wide content of vicious guitar playing along with Stewart's most violent Organ solos, which always have had more guts and substance than anything Keith Emerson ever attempted.

What's really different about this album is that there's something here for everyone. People looking for comic relief in those not so long ago days of Hatfield and The North style-flare need not worry. Pip Pyle has come to the rescue with "Binoculars," an adorable, yet strangely amusing tale featuring kids extremely absorbed in T.V. If the song keeps you guessing, the drum solo at the end won't. It's jam packed with lots of intricate things too numerous to mention, while at the same time being a battle of wits to describe.

Now with Stewart gone, the leadership is again up for grabs. Maybe it's a blessing in disguise. It appears that "Of Queues and Cures" has stood up to the challenge, hopefully National Health will too.

In 1970 Genesis changed guitar players from Anthony Phillips to Steve Hackett. Though it might not have been significant at the time, it became apparent later that Hackett was just what the doctor ordered for Genesis.

Phillips he remained at home in England in total recluse, teaching guitar for awhile, feeling the quiet of the years.

It took seven years before he stepped into the lime-light again, emerging with the respectable if not particularly inspiring album entitled, "The Geese And The Ghost."

Receiving help from old friends, Michael Rutherford, Tony Banks and Phil Collins, who added majestic overtones to the rich sounding brand of music closely resembling some of Genesis's early works. For what it's worth it did appeal to Genesis followers but it hardly produced any excitement in other quarters — being reduced quickly to cut out bins in less than four months.

Unfortunately for Phillips, his second album "Wise After The Event" follows the same path as his first, only this time he's on his own. Without his old friends to lend direction he appears as lost as any Tom, Dick, or Harry on any New York subway. The man is mellow in his chosen musical path, there's no question about that, and while he has expanded the themes and ideas featured on the first LP along with an obvious display of hard work through its lavish production, it still lacks punch, appearing to drown in a sea of ambiguity. Mellow music is beautiful, but where do you draw the line? His playing is fine, inducing almost an aristocratic-air, featuring both electric and acoustic guitars formed together with keyboards in a peaceful, tranquil manner. The killer is his voice, having the power to smother the listener with resentment, rendering nearly every cut unlistenable.

It's enough at times to inflect weariness in even the most tolerant. All criticism aside though it's really a shame the album turned out the way it did because, "Wise After The Event," could have been a decent collection of instrumentals. If Phillips plans to succeed in the music industry, his position is cut and dried: either hire a vocalist or go back to being a recluse.

Gilmour's solo album is not just Floridian-ethereal-melancholia-through-the-canyons-of-his-mind, but something far more human with a touch of realism attached to it. He isn't a guitar virtuoso, but then again he never did pretend to be one. He has a knack for knowing his limitations which doesn't mean he hasn't any strong points. One of his better points is he's supremely adept at setting all kinds of moods; with piece of mind intact, Gilmour verges on energetic. By working on a small scale, Gilmour has cleverly crafted something that will indeed grab "normal" fans as well as the Floyd's space cadets.

I suppose all of you have heard about this, but just in case you do not know one of the most spectacular events in music history took place in 1978. Believe if you will or do not, but Cream one of the greatest of all rock bands, played a one-time reunion gig in England at the end of June.

Ginger Baker's polo club was the site of a fundraising benefit featuring Baker, Eric Clapton and Jack Bruce, with Steve Winwood sitting in for a few numbers. As it was a \$25 admission, members only affair, no press was in attendance, so nothing was ever said or added about the event. Only to have been there... amazing isn't it?

ALAN PARSONS PROJECT PYRAMID
Not surprisingly, Parsons latest cast album is sonically impeccable. Alas, so much hard work outside left little to none of the creative energy inside. PYRAMID lacks the promised cohesion and the tunes sound colly constructed rather than inspired. One suspects Parson doesn't give a damn as long as it's a good product, and that it is.



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Editorials

National health

By what measureable law of human conduct are we to ask someone to work the better part of his life, saving for the day of retirement, and have those savings eaten up by prolonged sickness? The present structure of health care in America with its inflated rates paid out to doctors, surgeons, hospitals and insurance systems such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield is entirely indefensible. The upper classes, alone, can afford to get sick and not suffer severe financial harm.

Senator Edward Kennedy has proposed a comprehensive National Health Care package that would go far to remedy the present situation. It proposes to model itself after the Canadian system of health care, which can be called a success. We do not feel, as President Carter feels, that Kennedy's Plan would drive up taxes unreasonably and cause an inflationary spiral. We believe the current system is itself enjoying an inflationary spiral, at our expense; and that the demise of Blue Cross/Blue Shield at the hands of the Health Care package would be welcomed and not mourned. BC/BS is nothing more than a glorified rip-off with its nine-month waiting list (for it to take effect you have to pay 9 months straight) and its arbitrary rates.

The American Medical Association (AMA) is duly upset about the impact Kennedy's proposal would have on it and its members' wages. Doctors and surgeons would no longer be self-employed businessmen, but employed by the government. So the AMA has countered by spending twice as much as the AFL-CIO in the 1978 Congressional Elections according to a Feb. 26 article in the Christian Science Monitor. They hope that money will give them more political clout to head off or dampen down the Kennedy proposal.

We ask is it right for one to grow well-to-do for performing the public good and a vital community service while the people they serve grow poorer in the process? Do six or more years of college allow a practitioner to overcharge for basic services and split fees so a profit is gained or the wealth shared? Is a hospital a business operation designed to create profits and build capital gains first or is it a community service first? We support Senator Kennedy's proposal for a comprehensive National Health Insurance and we feel that it'll work here as well as it works in neighboring Canada.

'BCN strike

Hemisphere Broadcasting Inc. took control of WBCN from Concert Network Inc. on Friday, February 16. Michael Weiner, owner of Hemisphere Broadcasting fired 19 of the station's 37 staff members. The reason given was that an evaluation of the complete staff was made. As a result of the evaluation it was determined that some of the employees were not up to the high standard which the new management felt should be maintained. None of the on-the-air staff has been fired. Weiner did not consult Local 262 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, which has represented station employees since 1971.

After the firings, the union members met, and voted 18 to 1 to strike. Until negotiations are met the strike continues. As a result, many of our friends will not be heard. Letters of protest can help. If we all stick together and fight against the new owners maybe we can get our on-the-air friends back. All we can do is try.

Extinct in 1983?

by Judi Dusombre

In 1967, a mass slaughter took place. Seventy percent of the infant population were killed. The hunt is on ...

Every spring the harp seal gathers into huge herds and swims to its winter breeding ground where they bear their young; on the ice-covered Canadian coast — off Newfoundland and Labrador, where the female gives birth to a single baby whitecoat.

After birth, the young seal remains on top of the ice and lives exclusively on the mother's milk for 12 to 14 days. Since the baby seal's snowy-white fur changes into a less economically desirable brown coat within the first three weeks of its life, the young harp seal is hunted as soon as possible — within a few days of its birth.

Canadian and Norwegian sealers first kick away the mother, then stun the baby and skin it. The Frankfort Zoological Society had the skinned infants analyzed by British veterinary pathologists who determined over half of the skinned babies were alive at the time of skinning. After television publication of the

Society's results, new regulations were set by the Canadian government in 1968. The regulations called for the hunters to smash the seal's skull in before skinning the animal.

There are some that say seal killing involves no actual "hunt" since the young seal has no tail and stays near the mother. The hunter kicks the mother to drive her away and then bludgeons the baby — using a bat, a club or a spike-tipped hakapik.

According to the Encyclopedia of Mammals, there were once 3,300,000 baby harp seals; based on aerial photographs, there are now an estimated 1,000,000 left. Seventy percent of that amount are killed each year — twice as much as should be killed to maintain the population. In 1975, the Canadian government's Committee on Seals and Sealing found that "if seal hunting is carried on at the present level, the Atlantic harp seal will become extinct by 1983."

Harp seals are distinguished into three groups: the gulf herd, the front herd, and

the Greenland herd. The three groups are anatomically identical but the separate groups do not intermingle. Each group remains close to its delivery site and during the rest of the year they stay within their own distribution range.

Therefore, if a large herd were to be exterminated, scientists say it is probable that the area would not be gradually resettled by members of other neighboring herds.

The International Campaign to Save the Seals, a non-profit organization headed by such people as Cleveland Armory, The Princess of Monaco and Mary Tyler Moore, are seriously fighting what they consider to be a cruel practice.

In the United States, Congress has gone so far as to outlaw the importation of all baby seals into this country.

The fight to save the seals is said to be one of the important wildlife issues ever faced. Is it employment for the hunters or big profit for the fur merchants at the expense of wildlife?



Tight state budget signals lay-offs

by Michael A. Koren and Priscilla Dors

With the new state budget out, Governor Edward J. King is clearly saying that everyone and everything in Massachusetts is going to have to exist with a cap on spending and Northern Essex Community College is surely not excluded.

With this, President John Dimitry foresees the elimination of 5 per cent to 10 per cent of the employees of the college when June 1980 rolls around. Dimitry expressed that he will have to be cautious in who is eliminated because so many part-timers and full-timers are so vital to courses and programs which function within the college.

Dimitry pointed out that the problem is "level funding in the time of inflation."

Dimitry also talked of the pay increment system upon which the college operates and because of this "come September and October, everyone depending on where they are in the salary

schedule, will be getting a 6 to 7 per cent pay increase."

Dimitry also revealed that 80 per cent of Northern Essex's budget is salary driven with 10 per cent spent on energy and the remaining 10 per cent on other necessities of the school.

Energy, he said, is of a main concern due to rising oil costs and this may prove to be a money shortage problem. Northern Essex runs entirely on an electric system. Heat, lights, sewerage all operate on electricity making Northern Essex the Haverhill area's biggest electric consumer. Dimitry said that possibly the 400,000 dollar cost that Northern Essex spends a year on electricity could be cut by incorporating a new energy system that would pay for itself over a few years.

Even though the budget may be a little tight this coming year, President John Dimitry feels optimistic that Northern Essex can survive and continue to be the great institution of education that it always has been.

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The British are coming, the British have gone

by Linda MacPherson

Evacuation Day is celebrated March 16 in Massachusetts and marks the anniversary of the evacuation of Boston, Mass., by the British on March 17, 1776. The holiday was made legal in Suffolk County, Mass., in 1941.

Prior to that it was celebrated annually in Boston, and in 1901 there was an elaborate celebration on the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. The celebration included parades, public meetings, and dinners. In ordinary years the celebration is arranged by the residents of the southern part of the city, although the city and state officials usually participate.

In 1908 the celebration began with a dinner in Bethesda Hall on the evening of March 16. The chairman of the committee in charge said in the course of his address: "We will never rest content until the tramping of our local parades shall be heard in Washington and legislative enactment shall make March 17 a national holiday."

Major General Duval of the United States Army, another speaker said: "Our army is the last guarantee of government. Sometimes we seem to forget that all free institutions require force for their preservation. Behind every great government the army must stand quiescent in times of peace, but giving force to the laws and the courts by its very existence."

When the Revolution broke out, Boston was occupied by the British troops and all attempts to dislodge them failed until Washington fortified Dorchester Heights.

On the evening of March 4 General Thomas with two thousand men took possession of Dorchester Heights. A train of three hundred wagons and carts followed in the darkness.

When day broke on the morning of March 5, the British saw two redoubts (defensive reinforcements) on the heights armed with cannon and commanding the city.

General Howe, the British commander, was astounded and Admiral Shuldhham, in command of the British ships, admitted that if the Americans could not be driven from their position he could not keep a single vessel in the harbor. In accordance with this, a picked company of twenty-four hundred soldiers under command of Lord Percy was sent in boats under cover of the darkness to dislodge the Americans. An unexpected storm drove some of the boats ashore and it rained so hard in the morning that the troops could not move.

General Howe called a council of war which decided that the city should be evacuated (hence, evacuation day), and Howe agreed to leave the city with his forces if he were allowed to go without any problems.

The evacuation was delayed until Sunday, March 17, when the British troops were taken aboard the ships along with eleven hundred loyalist citizens and fleet sailed for Nova Scotia. The Continental Congress thanked Washington for the delivery of the city from the British and voted him a gold medal.

Quiet side of history

Women and their roots

The Greater Lawrence YWCA Women's Resource Center has an outstanding women's history program planned. This five part program, scheduled in March, will depart from traditional accounts of world events to concentrate on the women's role and impact on world history. Drawing upon the expertise of Greater Boston world history teachers, speakers will lend an exciting perspective on the topic.

Part I on March 7 will go back to our beginnings and trace the evolution of social roles from Paleolithic times through the Middle Ages. Professor Lila Liebowitz of Northeastern University's Anthropology Department will be the guest speaker. Professor Liebowitz' special field is biological and social evolution of primates and humans; she is also the author of "Females, Mates and Families."

On March 14, Ann Froinas will cover the emergence of women in the modern era and illustrate her talk with slides. Particular attention will be given to the Industrial Revolution and its impact on women of the 19th century. Among her varied experiences, Ms. Froinas is the Director of Women's Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Florence Luacomb, the seasoned activist of the suffragettes and the civil rights movement will spearhead the third program on Women in the 20th Century, held March 21. Her personal account of women's struggles and achievements will be followed with a report on the Inter-

national Women's Year Conference and outcome by local IWY delegate Peg Ireland. Ms. Ireland is the Administrative Assistant to Senator Sharon Pollard.

On March 28, part four of the series will take a closer look at our local history and re-tell the Greater Lawrence experience from a woman's perspective. Ertha Dengler, Assistant Librarian of the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum and Carrie Poirier, who supervises the Immigrant City Archives research project, will co-lead the group.

The final program scheduled for April 4 will explore world wide military expenditure as it effects the equality and development of women. Randy Foreberg, Ph.D. candidate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and expert on the arms race, will co-lead the discussion with Caroline Bridgeman Rees. Ms. Rees is a local historian and has been involved in the women's movement and disarmament for the past two decades. This program was coordinated through her efforts and money generated from the series will go toward the Resource Center. Cost is \$2.00 per program.

The speakers will allow time for questions and general discussion. The series will run from March 7 to April 4 on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The YWCA is located at 38 Lawrence Street, Lawrence. For further information, call 687-0331. — Emily Defusco Perkins, Director, YWCA Woman's Resource Center.

College education pays off

by Linda MacPherson

When considering a college education, the most commonly asked question is: "Does it pay off?" Potential students are still wondering if they will earn more money and hold better jobs than non-graduates.

Recent studies show that the economic advantage that college graduates have over non-graduates has narrowed, but attending college still pays off substantially in employment and income potential.

The college graduate is three times less

likely to lose a job than workers age 16 to 24 years, as a whole. The reason for this is that the college-educated American usually holds a job in occupations which, in a business slump, may grow more slowly but don't ordinarily slash their level of employment even then.

The same situation applies to current incomes and is predicted for the next ten to twenty years.

So, in short, the college graduate still comes out ahead in the long run.



The new Student Council; from left to right — Charlie Finochiaro, Michael Sherburne, Dana Poirier, Kevin Begley, Tim Minasian, Stu Gilman, Ron Burba, Phil Bouchard [President] and Guy Mawhinney.

Photo by Joe Pallaria

Diverse thoughts

by Michael A. Koren

People give off vibrations into the atmosphere which in turn affect the weather. That's a theory handed down to psychology students of Professor Richard Heath at Northern Essex Community College.

"People actually send off vibrations of what they would like the weather to be and it occurs," said Heath. Take for example the recent cold spells and rough weather that's occurred in the area. People expect winters in New England to be rough and cold and consequently the weather results in that way.

Another example can be seen on Revere Beach. Just a year ago Revere Beach was a desolate, unfun place. Business was at a standstill, homes in the area were virtual slums, the area was worthless. Then came a disaster which wiped out the entire beach. The result was federal aid for the beach and now Revere Beach is a thriving resort area.

Elmira, New York, was another example. Federal relief due to a disaster saved its skin. Is that what the people wanted? Did they sub-consciously want a disaster to save them from financial turmoil? Lives in people's mind can surely be sacrificed if it will save the city. Wars sacrifice lives for the sake of cities and other people.

Perhaps this theory is not so far-fetched. Consider the Indians and their sacred rain dance. Is that such a farce, a dance which could save crops? The theory has not been proved but sufficient data can and does make it believable.

China pushes deeper into Vietnam, civil war continues in Iran, strife in the Middle East goes on, Russia contributes war supplies to Vietnam, the United States waits uneasily and prepares to reinstate the draft, as foresight of a possible world war comes closer and closer into the realm of reality.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower once talked of the waste of war, "The cost of one heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than thirty cities. We pay for a single fighter plane with a half million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people. This is not a way of life, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

Eisenhower talked of World War II and the Nazi threat but this quote is surely not obsolete today. Humanity can use those modern brick schools in thirty cities. Why should schools such as Roxbury and North Shore Community College be only a dream in our own state of Massachusetts for the sake of supplying the cost of a wing to bomber which may eventually drop "eggs" on our own heads. Why should a half million bushels of wheat contribute a machine gun to the cockpit of a single fighter when CARE advertisements continue to show the hungry faces of those in India and Asia? Why should people freeze and walk the streets, wondering where their next meal will come from for the payment of cold steel that will float and destroy upon the seven seas? Humanity is not now hanging from a cross of iron but from a cross of destruction.

Man is his own worst enemy and with the threat of another world war boiling away why doesn't humanity stop and realize his instability of well being before the pot does boil over and fall into the fire of war.

Illness hits faculty

by Cindy Trout

Several teachers have been forced to leave their classes indefinitely to receive medical attention.

Richard Mesle has taught history and government at NECC since the early years of the school. On February 17 he suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport. He will be recuperating at his home in Newburyport after he leaves the hospital.

Herbert Crook of the Foreign Language Department underwent leg surgery for cartilage adjustment at Hale Hospital, Haverhill. He is now recovering at his home in Atkinson, New Hampshire.

William Marble has taught English at NECC since 1968. He had eye surgery Feb. 19 at Ayer's Nashoba Community Hospital. Prof. Marble is now home at his farm in Groton.

Prof. Mesle's state and local government courses are being taught by Paul Marsella of Beverly. Marsella taught history and government courses at North Shore Community College for seven years.

He received a bachelor's in history at Salem State and a master's in American history at Northeastern.

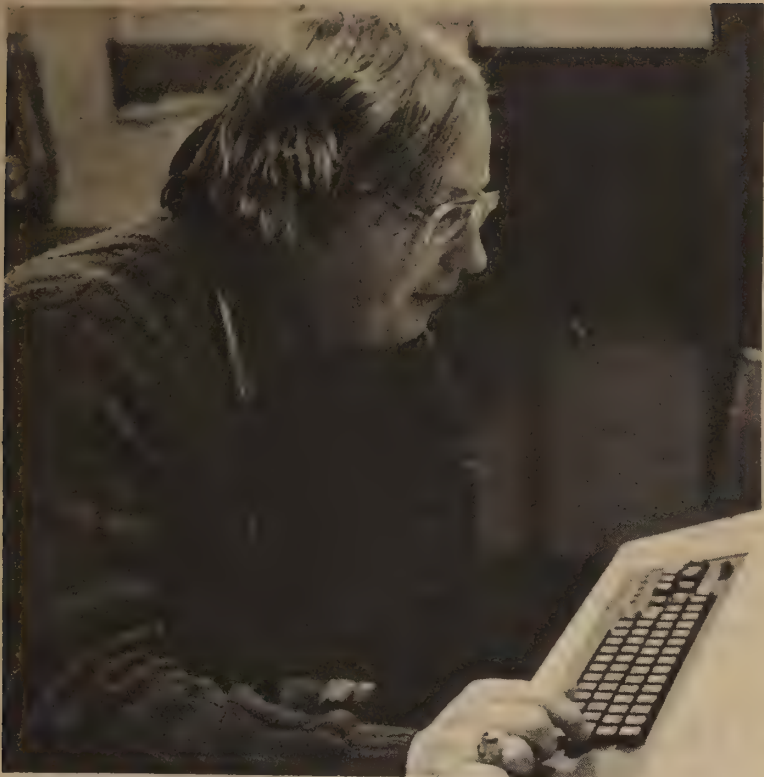
Blumie Derfel is teaching Mesle's federal government course. She has taught at Boston State College and Quincy Junior College. Blumie received a bachelor's from Boston State College and a master's from Boston College's graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Both substitutes taught Prof. Mesle's courses while he was on professional leave last fall.

Prof. Crook's part-time replacement is Janet Goldberg who received a bachelor's from Boston University and has extensive training in French and Spanish. She resides in Marblehead.

Prof. Marble's replacement is John Hammond who studied at the Boston College for his bachelor's degree and received his master's and doctorate degrees from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. He will teach basic English classes.

Dr. Bernie Horn, a member of the English department, though on leave, has helped out by taking over Prof. Marble's film production class. Horn has a doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut.



Dick Pastor, Director of Placement and Career Services.

Career Counseling Head Pastor — Profile

by Jim Rogers

Dick Pastor, NECC's Director of Placement and Career Services, thinks everyone should seek some career counseling. He explains that even if you think you have all the angles covered, it's still important to make sure.

Pastor, 32, lives with his wife and two pet dogs in Pelham, N.H. When he's not working, spending time with his family, or enjoying his hobby, photography, he is attending classes at UMass., Amherst, working towards his doctorate degree.

Pastor holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from U.N.H. (1968), education which got him a job with General Electric Co. He values his experience with G.E. highly, mainly because of the responsibility he was given in his work. Pastor also holds a master's degree in Business Administration from U.N.H. (1973). The Vietnam War also played a part in his life; he was a medic in the U.S. Army from 1969-71. In addition, Pastor has taught courses at Boston University, U.N.H., and New England College.

Ironically, Pastor needed little career counselling in college, mainly because he knew his interest was in technical science (chemistry). However, he said the job field was wider then, and people did not need to know how to look for jobs. Now-

adays, it is important to know such things as how to write a resume, and job interview techniques.

Pastor stresses that there will always be openings for qualified people in all fields. He states that people can go into any field they want, as long as they have the interest to work at it. He cites, however, Engineering, and Health professions as having the better present outlook while the outlook on teaching and social services has declined.

As far as future career trends go, Pastor believes there will be more uses for electrical and computer technology and other technical areas such as physics. This is because computers and other intricate machinery will probably be more predominant in industry and in the home. Also, as our oil resources shorten, other methods of energy will have to be devised. He also cites the Recreational field as having a better future outlook because of the increase in people's spare time.

When job searching, Pastor states the importance of looking for both the job and the environment preference in a team-type of a situation as opposed to a competitive, "every man for himself" type atmosphere. It is important, he says, to know both what you are going to do and where you are going to do it.

About finding careers

Examples of Employment Opportunities

by Dick Pastor,
director of Career Resource Library

The brief descriptions which follow depict some types of employment opportunities usually open to students with a general cultural education. Additional details can be obtained from career information in the Career Resource Library, Room 111 College Center. The following examples are not to be considered the entire list of career possibilities for "generalist" students, but only a selection of some of the more common openings. In many cases the specific beginning job is primarily a training ground and may soon be followed by other experiences as a preparation for some type of "management" responsibility. It is hoped that these examples will help to overcome the belief that all academic majors are somehow related only to identifiable, specialized career fields.

The most important fact to remember is that most of these employment examples are not limited to any specific academic major.

Banking

Operations — Assisting in daily operations of bank departments as trainee to become familiar with complex operational details; works with customers, employees, does detailed paper work, prepares reports, studies systems for possible improvement.

Branch Manager — Learns responsibilities of branch manager in personnel, work planning, sales, personal and business loans, operations, public relations.

Trust Department — Works with customers when bank serves as estate trustee, advises on investments, oversees legal details of trust, plans financial programs.

Credit Department — Receives and reviews applications for personal or business loans; makes loans for purchase on homes, cars, household goods; evaluates loan applications for business purposes; advises on operations; decides on risk; supervises collection.

Sales — Obtains new business for the bank through advertising, promotional programs, publicity, business sales contacts; studies economic trends, does market research, studies local business development; makes reports and recommendations of new fields of activity.

Manufacturing

Sales — Trains to represent company in specific territory, traveling regularly to visit customers and prospective customers, informing them of new products, new developments of old products, takes orders, discusses complaints, and sees that these are referred to proper authority, helps solve customer problems in display, advertising, and promotion of products; makes regular reports on activities.

Marketing — Carries out research on market trends, consumer preferences, buying habits; provides sales help for field representatives (often sales and research duties are combined); studies sale records, product results, packaging preferences, displays, promotions; makes recommendations and plans programs.

Purchasing — Buys raw materials, supplies, equipment, furniture, machinery, talks with sales representatives and suppliers; visits displays and conventions; seeks best buying values for his or her organization.

Production Administration — Learns to supervise production or manufacturing unit; works with personnel, cost, time, motion, and efficiency studies; works with quality control, process improvement, new product planning; supervises foremen, department heads, workers, lives daily with industrial and union relations.

Personnel — Trains for selection, hiring, promotion, transfer, and termination of employees; administers appropriate test programs, evaluates job applications, develops job descriptions, works with incentive plans, bonus programs; administers sick-leave and vacation policies; receives and acts on grievances; negotiates with union representatives; projects manpower needs and supply; plans and promotes educational programs; may edit company newspaper, supervise safety program, or plan and administer group insurance. There are relatively fewer personnel positions for inexperienced college graduates than there are other trainee positions in business and industry.

Retail Merchandising

Management Trainee — Trains for store management responsibility or (in large store units) for departmental management, learns personnel functions, financial control, buying, display, advertising, store layout, public relations.

Buyer — Learns the planning, selection, procurement, pricing, and promotion of a specific line of merchandise; visits manufacturers and suppliers to make selections.

Merchandiser Manager — Responsible for effective display, promotion, and sale of group or related merchandise lines, works with buyers, supervises sales clerks.

Social/Human Services Case Work — Some public social work organizations (city, state, federal agencies) and some private social service agencies offer case work training for any field of study (however, many agencies are requiring specific training in social service); professional advancement in the field requires a graduate degree in social work; the case worker deals with assigned individuals or families who are applicants for public

assistance, judges the need, recommends amount of aid, advises on financial planning, reports in detail on all cases assigned.

Group Work — Organizations engaged in youth and adult work such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cooperative Extension Agencies, YWCA, YMCA offer openings in organizing, planning, directing programs, training volunteer leaders, important parts of such programs are fund raising, budget planning, public relations, recruiting volunteers, advising and directing volunteer leaders.

Educational and Community Services — Public schools, hospitals, and other institutions employ social workers in case work with students and parents, patients, former patients. Colleges and universities offer openings in general administrative positions (such as admissions, housing, registrar, student aid). Recreation programs for different age levels from childhood to old age are offered by communities. These types of positions are quite competitive, and employing organizations are increasingly requiring advanced and specialized degrees.

The demand for individuals in the social/human services is directly affected by government budget limitations and by diminished charitable contributions.

Government

Federal — Most general positions in U.S. Federal Government are filled from lists established by passing the Professional and Administrative Career Examination (PACE) given several times during the year. This examination qualifies for numerous types of occupations in nearly all Federal agencies. In addition, some agencies, for some types of positions, issue special examination announcements when vacancies occur. The individual interested in Federal employment should take the PACE exam as early as possible in the senior year and keep informed of other examination announcements.

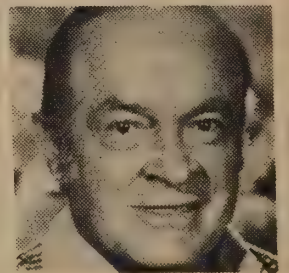
State — State employment is, in most cases, obtained by State Civil Service examinations given for specific occupational openings and for the specific state agency involved. A few states have adopted general professional entrance exams similar to the PACE exam. Applicants interested in any specific states or state may request examination announcements from the State Civil Service Commission at the state capitol.

Municipal — Generalist positions in city and town employment are less clearly defined than in Federal or State employment. Larger communities have health and welfare departments with caseworker openings, opportunities in certain management fields, and other trainee opportunities. The applicant interested in municipal work should write to communities of his or her choice for information.

For the most part, the above article is focused more toward the Bachelor degree holder as opposed to the Associate Degree holder. However the rationale is the same no matter what level of educational preparation.

Additional information about the above mentioned fields, as well as many others, is available in the Career Resource Library, Room 111 of the College Center. Please feel free to talk with me, Dick Pastor, Director of Placement and Career Services, Northern Essex Community College, if you have any questions at any time concerning career goals, career planning, or employment interests.

Bob Hope says:
"Red Cross can teach you first aid. And first aid can be a life saver."



Off the cuff

Parnassus, NECC's literary magazine, is in need of creative writing publishable material. Students are invited to submit poems, short stories and original essays.

Parnassus meetings are Wednesdays at 11 in Room C341.

Jane Thieffels, E.S.L. Program, reports that she is organizing support services in vocational subject areas to students who speak English as a second language. She urges such students and faculty to notify her if she can be helpful.

Students interested in the Behavioral Science Club should contact Professor John Whittle, C372.

Sue Freundlich, Counselor-Coordinator for Handicapped Services, reminds the campus community that she is available

for personal and academic counseling for students, consultation with faculty about needs of these students, obtaining such aids as braille of books, tapex recorded books, sign language interpreters, readers for the blind, notetakers, and tutors.

International Publications, 4747 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029, is sponsoring a national college poetry contest with prizes of \$100, \$50, \$25, and \$10.

Entries must be original and unpublished, typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page only. Each poem must be a separate sheet and must bear, in the upper left, the name and address of the student as well as the college attended.

There is a one dollar fee for the first entry and fifty cents for each additional one.

Winning poems will be published in the anthology AMERICAN COLLEGIATE POETS.



Staff of D.I.C. can be found in College Center building off game room. Joe Pallaria Photo.

Flower show

March 23 begins

The Alumni Association and the Botany classes of Northern Essex are planning a flower and plant show to be held on campus, March 23, 24, and 25. All the schools in the area serviced by the college as well as Garden Clubs and the Floral Growers in the area are invited to exhibit.

Also planned for the event will be

demonstrations of flower arranging, Ikebana, edible wild plants, and Bonsai.

Anyone interested in exhibiting in the show should contact George Dehullu or John Finneran at the College Science Department.

More on agent orange

by Michael Jefferson

In the last issue of the OBSERVER, Agent Orange was reported to be a high cancer risk. Now there is evidence that it causes birth defects as well. Cases of defoliant poisoning have been found around the Massachusetts area.

Richard W. Lacasse, a Vietnam war veteran, has all the symptoms of the defoliant poisoning. The symptoms of exposure to the chemical include skin rashes, excessive nervousness, inability to sleep and violent temper rages. His three year old son was born with two thumbs on his left hand. His father thinks his son's deformity was caused by the army's use of the chemical known as Agent Orange.

Another veteran who lives in South Boston was a marine in the combat zone in 1969. Where he was stationed, they sprayed every night to keep the fire zone clear of brush and mosquito control. He had the symptoms of the chemicals but doctors didn't know what it was. His daughter was born with both hips broken.

may cause birth defects

Vietnamese doctors claim the herbicides have been the cause of high increase in birth defects among Vietnamese children.

Until this spring when Maude DeVictor blew the whistle. DeVictor works in the benefits section of the Veterans Administration in Chicago. She became involved in a case in which a widow was compensated for her husband's death but the VA refused to acknowledge that Agent Orange was responsible. She called the Surgeon General's office in Washinton for more information on chemical spraying in Vietnam. It was found that anyone who was involved in Operation Ranchhand was heavily contaminated with Orange. It was also found that the poison got in the water. By February, 1978, DeVictor had discovered about 50 cases when she was told to stop digging. At this point she decided to go to WBBM-TV, Chicago's CBS affiliate. In March the station aired a documentary based on her research.

Joe Grillo lectures on subliminal seduction

by Dr. Janet Reohr
Behavioral Science Department

WHY

Education is at its best when everyone, students and teachers, are seen as valuable resources for learning. The Student Lecturer Series is one step in recognizing students as knowledgeable resources.

WHAT

The first lecture in this on-going series is on Subliminal Seduction. Although this is a topic that directly affects us all, a very large part of the population is ignorant about it. Briefly, subliminal seduction is the use of advertising to persuade the consumer to buy through the use of unconscious sexual suggestion. We are all bombarded by advertising and thus coerced subconsciously to behave in certain fashions. It is in our own best interests to learn how this mechanism operates in our society.

WHO

Joe Grillo, a first year student at Northern Essex is to be the lecturer on Subliminal Seduction. Last semester, Joe did a first rate research paper on this topic and has consented to share his knowledge about Subliminal Seduction with the Northern Essex Community.

WHEN

Monday, March 19, 1979

11:00 a.m.

WHERE

Room C220

All are invited to attend and learn how subliminal influence affects them.

Sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Sciences (Dr. Janet Reohr, instructor, Behavioral Sciences Department).

Peer counseling seen effective

Drop-in-center

by Althea Schmidt

The Drop-in-Center (DIC) was conceived in September, 1971, because faculty and administrators were concerned with the drug problem. The idea for a center began with Frank Leary, Business department. He then involved Dean of students Church Stafford, as well as the academic dean and president of the college. They put plans into action and the DIC was officially opened January, 1972. At the time the most common problems were drugs, money, parents, peer relationships, sex-related problems and abortion referrals.

Rubin Russell who had a master's degree in psychology was hired to set up the Center.

Today Russell is coordinating a statewide project to improve accommodations for the handicapped at all the community colleges. And the staff members of the Center are all NECC students.

Members are required to take a two-week intensive training program which involves self-awareness training. In the words of one newspaper, "The DIC understands that self-awareness must be achieved before one can be fully aware of others." In addition to the training program there are follow-up lectures, articles

and speakers brought in throughout the year. Staff members attend informal encounter groups during the semester break, one in the winter and one in the summer.

The philosophy of the DIC is I am lovable and capable. Originally this concept came from U. Mass and was adopted by NECC because of the success rate. Many students come to sit and talk and some return for counseling.

D. Griffith wrote a term paper on the DIC and in her conclusion she said, "I left completely astounded. I believed before visiting the Northern Essex Drop-in Center that most students' problems could not be handled because the counseling staff are college students, not trained psychologists. My opinion now is a complete opposite."

Now the DIC even handles such things as apartment finding, car pooling, information on free legal aid, consumer protection and consumer rights, homosexuality plus many other things. Also the DIC has a hot line number, 374-9029, — and a telebox for questions or suggestions in the lobby of C building. Answers will appear in the Observer or in the display case of C building. No names will appear if so specified.

DIC services are available for people both on and off campus.

Dimitry approves reorganization

President John Dimitry recently announced that The Division of Humanities has been reorganized into the following three departments: Department of English, The Department of Creative Arts and the Department of Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion.

The President also announced that

Priscilla Bellairs will be serving this semester as Acting Chairperson of the Department of English; Elaine Mahwinney will be serving as Acting Chairperson of the Department of Creative Arts; and Jack Aronson will be serving as Acting Chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion.

Research paper course offered

Rick Branscomb, Coordinator of the Writing Center, will be offering an eight-week, one-credit course in writing research papers. The course will meet one hour a week (specific times will be arranged) in the Writing Center, room C-213. It will be a structured, intensive course in the techniques of research and note-taking, planning and organizing a paper, and the conventions of footnoting and bibliographies.

Any student in the college, with the exception of those presently enrolled in Composition I or II (who are already learning the research paper) may enroll. Registration will be on March 12 and March 16. See Rick Branscomb in the Writing Center before those dates if you're interested in enrolling or if you have any questions. Enrollment will be limited to 20 students.

Hours: Tues. thru Thurs. 4-10 Fri. & Sat. 11³⁰-10 Sun. 11³⁰-9

Club News

Auditions for talent show underway

by Cindy Troudt

Sign up for the Music Club Talent show planned for spring performance in the cafeteria.

The music club is accepting registration of individual and group talents to be organized for presentation to the college sometime in midspring.

Larry Hinkel of Georgetown, guitarist for the local band Sabre, is president of the Music club. He will be reviewing auditions and scheduling talents. Position openings include rock and folk bands and single acts.

Individuals wishing to participate need not have an organized act. Registrants will have their talents coordinated with other musicians if they choose.

Kathy Jenkins, secretary, and Debbie Nash, acting vice president, are enlisting talents along with Hinkel. Music Club meetings held every Wednesday from 11-1 in C202 are arranged for talent show interviews.

The Talent Show will be held in the cafeteria. The date has not yet been scheduled.

Ski Club goes to Smugglers Notch

by Deborah Massicotte

Plans have been made for the Ski Club to go to Smugglers Notch in Vermont on March 23, 24 and 25. The price is \$27 to club members and \$45 to non-members. This includes two nights at the Red Fox Dorm, lift ticket, two breakfasts, one dinner, access to the Salty Dog Lounge, and other surprises. Lessons will be available at a minimal cost.

The trip accommodates 40 to 50 people so it is first-come, first-served.

To sign up, come to the next meeting on Wednesday in room E373.

Students report that Reinertsen's knowledgeable background and witty humor made it an enjoyable event.

In blistery, below-zero weather, nothing stops Bob from gliding along, wearing knickers, layers of clothing, and a survival kit. He is in a winter wonderland all his own.

As a teacher of Criminal Justice and advisor for the weightlifting and track clubs, Bob Reinertsen does not stop there in exhibiting his expertise.

Of Norwegian decent, Bob has skied the European mountains, entered and won many races, and took a six-month cross-country ski course in the Bavarian Alps. He has also taught groups of all ages how to ski.



A winter evening at Kenoza Lake.

Photo by Keith Sullivan.



Rock n' Roll stardom?

by Dana Dodge

C'mon, admit it, if you are like the most normal college kids, you have flirted with the fantasy of performing in front of thousands of screaming fans. Just the thought of picking up a Les Paul and cranking out a few chords in front of an audience or being the lead singer of a rock band is enough to satisfy most people's fantasies. Through all those spotlights and smoke-filled concert halls reality must creep into the rock star's life.

Every rock-n-roller dreams of making it to the top. First of all, no one really knows what the top is. The CARS, for example, are they at the top? They receive national air play and their only album has been on the charts for more than 26 weeks. The fact is that only a year and a half ago, the CARS were playing mixers at MIT. If the CARS are at the top then what about such groups as LED ZEPPLIN, JETHRO TULL, and the ROLLING STONES? All who have had multiple and platinum albums? Are they not also at the top?

The road to the top is a difficult and sometimes impossible one. In a world of changing music interests, many would-be stars are forced to find other means to sup-

port themselves. Priorities must be set, dedication must be given. Questions must be asked, "should we play disco? Are we going to stick to hard rock? If we don't play disco, are we happy playing at places where we don't know if we will get shot off the stage? Should we buy a new PA system?"

Each new talent must go through and be able to handle many hardships. The survival of a band is not easy. The survival of an individual musician is almost impossible. Constant changes in personnel plague the rock-n-roll world. New faces come and go frequently until the disbanding of the group.

Upon reaching the bigtime, a rock band must work even longer and harder hours to maintain the quality of their music which has brought them to the top. New material must also be written to satisfy their public.

So why would anyone want to be on top of the rock world? Disregarding the obvious material gains such as money, sex, fame, and drugs, (which most bigtime rock bands enjoy) the only answer must be desire. Desire for what?



Photo by Keith Sullivan.

Bob Reinertsen, Criminal Justice teacher and advisor for track, weightlifting.

Fitness and health awareness week

by Pat Augeri

In conjunction with the National Physical Education and Sports Week, the Dept. of Sport and Leisure Studies and health services are co-sponsoring a Fitness and Health Awareness week which will take place at Northern Essex during the week of March 19-23. Carl L. Beal, Chairperson, Dept. of Sport and Leisure, said to his knowledge, this is the first time a Mass. Community College has attempted such a total college project of this nature. This shows the potential of the total college in utilizing its resources to reach an important goal.

Involved in volunteer help and cooperation from various departments at the college, are Dave Antaya and Rosemary Loveday — Sport and Leisure, Ed. Deschutynier and Ken Holden — Science Department, Sheila Krim and Liz Jacobson — Public Relations, Dolores Haritos and Amy Anderson — Nursing Department, Jay Carver — Respiratory Therapy Department, Phyllis Hare — Medical Record Technology, Pat Augeri — College Health Coordinator, and Rob Reinertson — Criminal Justice Department. People off campus that will be involved are: Joanne Howard — Nutritionist, Essex County Agricultural and Technical Institute, and Diana Rugh — Transcendental Meditation Center, Byfield.

The comprehensive week-long program is aimed at providing a wide range of events for as many participants as possible.

Thus, many of the programs and lectures are repeated throughout the week to allow for greater accessibility. An invitation is extended to all students, faculty and staff members.

To highlight the week we will be conducting a search for NECC's "bionic candidate" in fitness testing. A fitness profile card will be issued to each participant and data recorded at each testing station.

For example, BP's recorded in cafe lobby, resting EKG and vital capacity in science lab, and Harvard step testing in the gym. It must be stressed that interpretation of data will not take place and a liability waiver must be signed for each test undertaken.

The function of fitness testing is to make the person aware of his/her physical conditioning and spur intent towards seeking a higher level of fitness. Fitness cannot be achieved until all aspects of health status are developed in harmony — this means physical, emotional, mental and even spiritual well-being.

Look for posters and flyers spot lighting guest speakers, workshops, and specific testing as well as a weekly calendar of events. For further information contact Carl Beal at ext. 196 or Pat Augeri at ext. 195. Remember only through your participation will Fitness and Health Awareness Week become a success.

Moon rocks

by Althea Schmidt

A moon rock display, on loan from NASA, was presented by the Science Department last month. Samples included Lunar Regolith (soil), Mare Basalts and Catachlastic Anorthosite.

The Mare Basalts slide suggested a beautiful stained glass window. The sample came from the low areas of the moon, within the craters. The determined age of the rocks lies between four and four and a half billion years.

From the highlands of the moon came the cataclastic Anorthosite sample. This rock has wrinkle formations caused by tremendous pressure from meteoric bombardment. The color is gray, black and clear with small intermittent spots of orange, red, blue and purple.

Assistant Prof. Edward Spinney, N.E.C.C. Natural Science Department, said the Earth has some of the same formations as the moon in Greenland although not as ancient. This is because the crust of the Earth, unlike the moon, is constantly changing and recycling.

Hundreds of pictures were taken of the moon rock samples by Prof. Robert Paul and Associate Prof. Alphee DeJardins, N.E.C.C.'s natural science professors. The pictures will be made into slides with accompanying tapes and put into the audiovisual room for public viewing.

MARCH 19-23 FITNESS & HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11-12	Nursing students BP-Height-weight (Cafe) Nutrition, Joanne Howard lecture (Carpeted lounge)	Jogging Workshop & Film (Gym rm. 150)	BP-Height-Weight (Cafe Slimnastics (Gym. 150)	Jogging Workshop & film (Gym rm. 150)	BP-Height-Weight (Cafe)
11:30-12:30			TM - lecture (Carpeted lounge)		
12-1	Dr. Ed Daschutyne, Ken Holden, Electronic Monitor, Vital Signs. Respiratory Therapy Students, Vital Capacity (E-367)	Health Foods Edible Plants (Gym 129)	Slimnastics Demo. (Gym rm. 150) Electronic Monitoring (E-367)	TM Lecture (Carpeted lounge)	Electronic Monitoring (E-367)
1-2	Fitness Testing (Gym rm. 150)	Fitness Testing Gym rm. 150)	Fitness Testing	Health foods & edible plants (Gym 129)	
2-3	Fitness Testing (Gym Rm. 150)	Fitness Testing (Gym rm. 150)	Fitness Testing	Posture Testing (Gym rm. 150)	



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Profile: Liz Jacobsen

by Althea Schmidt

NECC's campus facilities are ideal for educational, civic, business, cultural and social programs. Facilities Coordinator (FC) is Liz Jacobson, former staff assistant in the president's office. She clears and confirms all reservations and rentals of NECC facilities by community groups and organizations. Liz also clears and confirms reservations made by NECC personnel departments, academic divisions, and various college organizations.

While the Registrar's office is responsible for assigning regularly scheduled classes, Liz handles room assignments for special instructional seminars.

The Audio Visual department of the Learning Resource Center handles film showings in the projection room and the television studio, but Liz is in charge of film showings in any other area.

Liz points out that NECC personnel, of-

fices, departments, divisions, committees and organizations that are reserving NECC facilities for college related purposes and college sponsored programs are exempt from payment of rental fees. Also, organizations that are jointly sponsoring an event with the college or under the auspices of the college are exempt from paying a fee.

All organizations are responsible for assuming the cost of custodial and security services. If an organization needs clean-up services, they must hire two NECC janitors for a period of five hours, or more if needed, at the rate of \$7 per janitor. Any security services required must be hired from the Haverhill police force and Haverhill Firefighters. All food served on campus must be arranged through Essex Caterers, the campus food agency.

Facilities coordinator

For reservations, contact the Facilities Coordinator Liz Jacobson at 374-0721, ext. 194. No function can be scheduled more than nine months in advance. Meetings conferences, seminars and the use of athletic facilities should be reserved four weeks in advance. All day programs and weekend use of the College Center Cafeteria should be made three months in advance.

Any licenses that may be required can be obtained at the municipal offices in Haverhill. Copies of the licenses must be submitted to the F.C. one week before the function and the original license must be on the premises during the function.

Liz Jacobson publishes a weekly calendar (Campus Events) listing all the events on campus. Information for the calendar must be submitted to the F.C. by 4 p.m. Thursdays. The calendar is issued Friday afternoons.



Liz Jacobsen, Facilities Co-ordinator

Open house

Brandeis University in Waltham will have a spring open house March 15 and 21 for transfer applicants. The program is designed to inform students about academic offerings and student life at the school.

Registration is from 8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m. Regular classes will be open throughout the morning. At noon there will be a complimentary lunch at the student center and a tour. In the afternoon workshops are scheduled for consulting with counselors.

Persons interested should contact Betty Coyne, College Center.

Pisces and Aries month

by Elizabeth Hardy

March: Pisces and Aries month

Pisces is the symbol of the fish. This is the last sign of the Zodiac. It represents death and the conscience of the soul.

Piscean people tend to underestimate their worth. While some can climb to great heights of success, others can wallow in the dregs of society. That is why the symbol of the fish was given to them. It symbolizes that they can either swim up and toward success or down to failure. There is no in between for Pisceans.

Humor is one of the great Piscean weapons. While they can make you laugh till your eyes tear, inside themselves they may be torn up. This is to them (Pisceans) like a protective shield to hide their inner feelings.

The one and only quality which originates with this sign only is their ability to stand outside themselves and see yesterday, today, and tomorrow as one. Pisceans are not easily upset. When

everything seems to be going wrong for you, it is the calm clear-headed Piscean who would come over and tell you not to worry about a thing, after all, it's just another day.

Pisceans are stronger than they think, wiser than they know, Neptune (ruling planet) guards this secret until they discover it for themselves.

Aries is the symbol of the ram. This is the first sign of the Zodiac. It represents rebirth.

Aries people tend to be very stubborn and bull-headed. To them, there's only one way to do things right, and that's their way. Aries (ruled by Mars), is the most energized sign of the whole zodiac. One would tend to think that Arieans recharged their batteries at night, instead of sleeping. Arieans expect you to cater to their every need, if they want something, they expect to get it that instant, — never mind waiting, even if it means supper is burning on the stove.

Arieans tend to be strong leaders and

often excel in the service. They thrive on victories. But if they lose a battle, don't ever tell them, because they never accept defeat. To Arieans miracles are a dime a dozen.

Their amazing faith in themselves is matched with their naive trust in others, which is why they're always complaining that someone has let them down. Of course they won't stay down for long. After a violent but brief depression period, they'll pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and start all over again.

Famous Pisceans

Albert Einstein
Jackie Gleason
Ted Kennedy
James Madison
Dinah Shore
Elizabeth Taylor

Famous Arieans

Marlon Brando
Joan Crawford
Bette Davis
Harry Houdini
Thomas Jefferson
Eugene McCarthy

Irish women arrive in town

by Althea Schmidt

On the heels of St. Patrick's Day, the semi-mythical, many faceted creature, the Irish woman, arrives in the town in force.

NECC and University of Lowell are jointly involved in bringing the Irish Fortnight back to the Merrimack Valley again this year.

For seven nights, March 20-26, the treats include painting, poetry, music, drama, traditional crafts, history and archeology. The Irish Fortnight is a free public service offered by the Irish American Cultural Institute.

In the coordinated effort to serve the community, both schools will involve faculty and representatives from Greater Haverhill and Greater Lowell. Senator Sharon Pollard; Mayor George Katsaros

They say the Irish Fortnight truly represents as important educational exchange. Not only are the evening programs varied and interesting, but the participants stay in local homes to get a better understanding of life in our country.

In addition to the Merrimack Valley cities, the Irish Fortnight will tour fourteen U.S. cities and two in Canada. The Irish Fortnight is now in its tenth year in the U.S.

Fortnight Schedule

Date	Name	Place	Topic
March 20	May Cluskey	Lowell	Theatre
March 21	Patricia Lysaght	NECC	Folklore
	Eilean Ni Chruileanain	Lowell	Poetry
March 22	Mary Coleman	Lowell	Crafts
	*(to be announced)	NECC	Art
March 23	Helen Hickey	Lowell	Archeology
	Margaret MacCurtin	NECC	History
March 24	Cliona McMahon	NECC	Contemporary Women
	Margaret MacCurtain	Lowell	History
March 25	Nuala Ni Faolain	NECC	Literature
	Miriam Daly	Lowell	Economic History
March 26	Noirín Ni Riain	NECC	Music

*Scheduled lecturer unable to appear due to a death in the family

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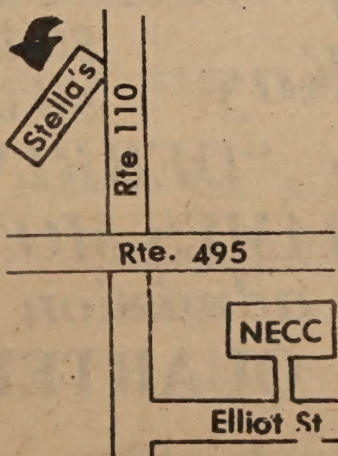
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Knights finish season at 9-16

by David W. Page

The Northern Essex Community College basketball team finished the season with a respectable 9-16 record. Respectable because they went 6-2 in their last eight games and showed promise for next year.

In the next to the last game of the season, NECC beat Middlesex C.C., 69-68, on February 16.

"After going down by one with 22 seconds left I called time-out and just told the guys to keep their cool and work for a good shot," said Coach Paul Rouse.

Billy Mueller got the rebound off as Andy Stonge shot and the Knights had themselves their third one-point victory in their last six outings.

In the final game of the year the Knights were beaten by playoff-bound North Shore Community College, 88-79, in Danvers on February 20.

The highlight of the night came when the Blue and Gold of NECC scored eight straight points in a 15 second span after affecting a great inbounds pass defense.

Team captain, Barry Prescott, went over the 500-point mark in the first half of the season's finale and finished with 16 on the night and a season's total of 510 points. Prescott played in all 25 NECC basketball games accounting for his 20-point average.

Other top scorers follow: Dennis Morin, 15-point average (169-11 games); Andy St. Onge, 10-point average (124-12 games); Mueller, 10-point average (253-24 games); Peter Zalanskas, nine-point average (104-11 games).

Highlights of the season (good and bad) were as follows:

Jan. 6 — The Knights return from New Jersey with two more losses and five less

players. Coach Paul Rouse dismisses the players for disciplinary reasons.

Jan. 20 — Kentucky Natives, Gary Connor and John Mallery, decide to stay home (their old Kentucky home).

Jan. 22 — Barry Prescott named team captain.

Jan. 24 — Dennis Morin and Peter Zalanskas make their debuts as Knights. Morin cans a game-high 21 points and Rocky Zalanskas cans Quincy's center, Mike Powers, with a straight right that sends both players to the locker room and nets Powers an 11-stitch cut above his right eye.

Jan. 31 — Knights crushed by Roxbury C.C., 11-42, as NECC fans delight to an over-the head stuff by RCC's Ronald Jackson.

Feb. 2 — NECC buries Hellenic College en route to a five game win streak.

Feb. 5 — Zalanskas puts in a free-throw with no time left on the clock to stun Essex Aggie, 81-80. Aggie coach ejected as Haverhill cruisers are called to protect refs.

Feb. 7 — Bill Mueller's 26 markers net NECC its third straight.

Feb. 9 — Knights score season high 95 points as Prescott tallies 32.

Feb. 13 — Perhaps the best and certainly the most exciting game of the year is NECC's victory over Grahm Jr. College 69-68. The fans nearly take down the bleachers stamping their feet as Bill Mueller drives to the hoop for a layup to win it with only five seconds to go.

Feb. 16 — NECC wins another one-pointer as the whole team hits double figures against Middlesex, 71-70.

Intramural/Recreation News

by David W. Page

A Cross-Country Ski Clinic was held Feb. 21 in the gym building. Bob Reinertsen demonstrated, lectured, and exhibited cross-country skiing equipment (skis, poles and boots). Reinertsen also spoke on the different types of clothing worn when taking part in cross-country skiing.

Students participating in the lecture were shown and took part in exercises that aid one in readying oneself for the slopes. Each exercise shown was meant to be done on flat terrain, uphill, and downhill.

Due to lack of snow (on this date) outdoor demonstrations were cancelled.

The cross-country ski competition that was to be held on Feb. 28 was cancelled due to icy snow conditions.

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The "Fruit Cakes" took the "Outing Club" in a two out of three Tug-of-War match held last Feb. 16, during the Winter Carnival activities.

The contest was of particular interest in that the conditions were quite icy. Four teams of six persons each (24 in all) participated.

Members of the winning "Fruit Cake" team and runners-up Outing Club are as follows:

Fruit Cakes — Lynn Murray (captain), Mike (tonto) Parent, Dawson Lazdowski, George Frost, Pat Kane, Brian Henery and John Beal.

Outing Club — Kevin Butler (captain), Jim Goddard, Diana Dehm, Lisa Palmer, Cathy Borroso, Brian Nicklos, David Balboha.

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The pairings for the 3 on 3 basketball playoffs, to be played March 7 at NECC gym, have been announced and are as follows:

Nets vs Revengeful Four and Hess' Heroes vs Spindle Pub.

The Nets finished undefeated 7-0 and Hess' Heroes wound up tied for second with Spindle Pub at 5-2. Revengeful Four wound up in fourth place after besting the Nonames in a playoff game that came out 21-15.

Results of the 3 on 3 games played Feb. 21 are as follows:

Game 1 — Jocks 21, Hackers 7; Hess' Heroes 21, Spindle Pub 19; Nonames 21, Individuals 14; Nets 21, Revengeful Four 16.

Game 2 — Hess' Heroes, 21, Jocks 17; Spindle Pub 21, Hackers 7; Nonames 21, Revengeful Four 17; Nets 21, Individuals 13.

Results of Feb. 28 is as follows:

Spindle Pub, 21, Jocks 14; Hess' Heroes 21, Hackers 8; Nets 21, Nonames, 13; Revengeful Four 21, Individuals 11.

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A ping pong tournament heads the list of upcoming intramural events for the next two weeks. The tourney will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 14 in the gym lobby.

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A total of 52 participants took place in this semester's pool tournament which was won by Bruce Kimball. Randy Tryder ended up as runner-up.

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Red Sox: 1979 preview

by Mark Davey

As the Red Sox open their first full week of Spring Training, skepticism abounds. Several key players are question marks due to injuries or contract problems. These people will play an integral part in the Club's drive to the pennant, and they must be taken care of if the team is to sustain such a drive.

Here are some of the questions the Red Sox must answer in spring training.

1. Bill Campbell: his elbow problems began last year in spring training and plagued him throughout the season. He has seen several doctors during the off season but there has been no diagnosis as to what exactly is ailing him. In a recent Boston Globe article, Campbell said, "I am able to throw the ball around and play golf and there is no pain. But I still don't know if I can pitch." If he can return to his 1977 pitching form (13-9, 31 saves, American League fireman of the year) he will add much needed depth and experience to the pitching staff.

2. Butch Hobson: The third baseman is coming off elbow surgery last October to remove the bone chips that bothered him all last year. Reports say he is doing well. However, not much can be said until he's playing every day. The Sox must decide Hobson's status before the season begins. Jack Brohamer could replace him, or Larry Wolfe, recently acquired in a trade with the Minnesota Twins. If Hobson is healthy he would give the batting order more power. He is very important to the team in '79.

3. Carl Yaztremski: The Red Sox captain is involved in a contract squabble with club executives Haywood Sullivan and Buddy LeRoux. Yaz has stated that he will not report to Spring Training until a new contract is signed.

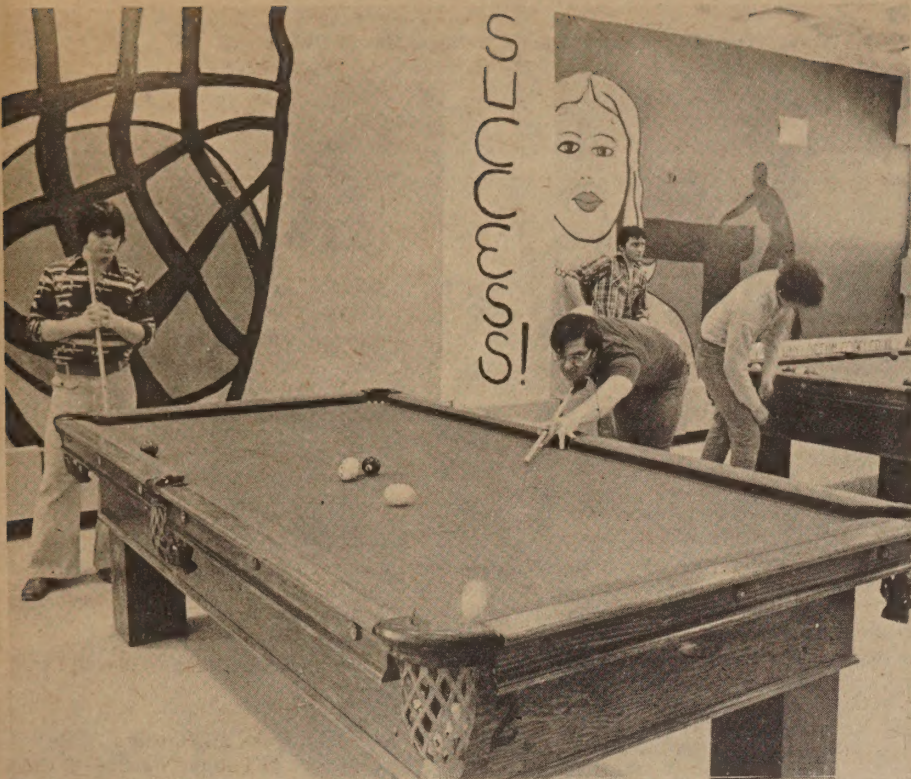
The club needs Carl Yaztremski. He has been the club leader for many years and is an invaluable asset. Chances of a championship season would lessen if Yaz sat the year out.

The feeling here is that the club will give Yaz what he wants. The fans are angry enough at losing Luis Tiant to the hated Yankees. If Yaz goes, anger would increase.

4. Dennis Eckersly: Like Yaz, Dennis is concerned about his contract. He wants to get it over with before the season starts.

Everyone knows Dennis is the backbone of the Sox's pitching staff. He proved that last year (20-9). If the club is smart they will sit down now and take care of Eckersly. He is the key to the season.

Those are some thoughts on the outlook for '79. The team will be a contender with New York and Milwaukee. The Yanks, though, will be tough to beat. They've added Tiant and Tommy John (17-9 with the Dodgers last year) to go along with Ron Guidry (25-3), Ed Figueroa (20-9), and Catfish Hunter (12-6). That's a tough team to beat. If the Sox stay away from serious injuries and get some pitching help from some of their promising young prospects, they will be a contender for the pennant.



Tournament winner Bruce Kimball, on his way to victory, sinks 9-ball in corner pocket. Second-place finisher Randy Tryer watches. Photo by Joe Pallaria.

Pool Tournament Roundup

by Dana Dodge

The 1979 NECC Pool tournament was held in two parts, on Feb. 21, and Feb. 28. Games were played in the Student Game Room.

Fifty-two Northern Essex students participated in the tourney. The rules that were followed were standard 8-ball; best two out of three games.

This year's tournament was similar to last year's. Many of the well-known (in NECC circles anyway) "sharks" were knocked off in the early rounds of elimination.

The "hottest" shooter on the table was the winner Bruce Kimball. Bruce suffered

only two defeats in fourteen games. He also won the last eight games in a row.

The Championship round Kimball facing Randy Tryer, who also had a hot cue. Tryer played well, but Kimball's "surgical abilities" were too much. Consistent on the banks, Bruce Kimball emerged as the 1979 NECC pool tournament champion.

Both Kimball and runner-up Randy Tryer received mugs for their efforts.

Dave Antaya was the organizer and supervisor of the contest.

*****a NECC poolroom slang term for a pool shooter's abilities to cut; at the right angle so as to go in the pocket; the ball.

If you can buy, you can brew

by Linda MacPherson

The government recently decided that if you are old enough to buy it, you're old enough to brew it, wine and beer that is.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms recently published a notice in the Federal Register, implementing a new law and setting the ground rules for making wine and beer at home.

The members at ATF have stated that anyone 18 or older may make 100 gallons of wine or beer each year -- 200 for premises with more than one resident -- for personal use, not for sale.

The law must be based on the legal drinking age in the city or state; for instance in Massachusetts if the drinking age is raised to 19 or 21, you must be at least that to brew legally at home, the government said. The beer or wine may also be removed from the home without telling anyone provided that you are headed for an "organized affair" or similar event.

Houdini?

by Michael A. Koren

Did you ever wonder how Harry Houdini, the famous magician and escape artist, was able to hold his breath under water longer than most people can?

Houdini used the reserve air supply, which every one has present in his stomach, after he exhausted the reserve air in his lungs. By this trick he could stay under water for as long as four minutes; and this gave Houdini time to do his famous escape from a trunk submerged in water.

Lifesaving course offered

by Dana Dodge

Did you know that Senior Life Saving is offered as a leisure study? It is, and it's worth 2 credits. A letter grade is also given which is figured into your cumulative average.

Senior Life Saving fulfills Red Cross requirements. C.P.R. is also taught during the course which meets two days a week at the Haverhill Y.M.C.A.

A typical class period starts with warm-up exercises. After loosening up, the class is required to swim laps, to build up endurance and improve weaknesses in swimming. The goal is a 25 lap final exam.

Upon completion of laps, the class is introduced to new material ranging anywhere from a basic cross-chest carry to the breaking of holds. The students must "own" the particular move, by practicing over and over with their designated partners.

At the end of class, some type of competitive relay is usually conducted, with the winning team not having to do any exercises (push-ups, sit ups).

Jack Hess is the instructor and sometimes coach. His goal is to make the students confident in any situation which might arise in the water. Emphasis is placed on self-development and practicality in the water.

Students who successfully pass both the written and in-water final exams, are awarded a senior life saving certificate, thus qualifying them for lifeguard jobs.

So come on guys, think of all the chicks at the beach, or girls think about all the guys at the beach. Even if you don't want to be a lifeguard, everyone should know the material which is presented in Senior Life Saving. Who knows when you might need it?

Proposed Physical Education/ Recreation Concentration Within the Liberal Arts Program by Elizabeth Donahue

Planning on Majoring in Physical Education or Recreation Education?

Carl Beal, Chairperson of the department of Sports and Leisure Studies, proposed in February two new concentrations within the liberal arts program.

Track I concentrates on Physical Education while Track II focuses on Recreation Education. They both have a total of 12 credits applied to a liberal arts degree.

The University of Mass. at Amherst and Boston State College have approved the course proposed and the concept of easier exploration centered around a two year Associate's degree in liberal arts.

The new courses necessary for the concentrations are in the works. They have to have the approval of the Curriculum Committee, executive committee of the Academic Council and the College president, but hopefully they will be implemented for September, 1979.

Track I Physical Education

Intro. to Physical Education	3
Foundations for Physical and Health Appraisal	2
Innovative movement Exp.	2
Skills: Elect Two	2

Tennis	Archery
Senior Life Saving	Golf
Dance	Fencing
Badminton	

Electives: Select One 3

Contemporary Health Issues
Camp Counseling
First Aid & Safety
Self-Awareness

Track II Recreation Education

Intro to Outdoor Education	3
Foundations for Physical and Health Appraisal	2
Leisure and aging	2
Skills: Elect Two	2
Rock Climbing	Flyfishing
Canoeing	X-Country Skiing
Senior Life Saving	Sailing
Mountaineering	Dance

Electives: Select One 3

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QUESTION: What do you think about a National Health Care Plan?



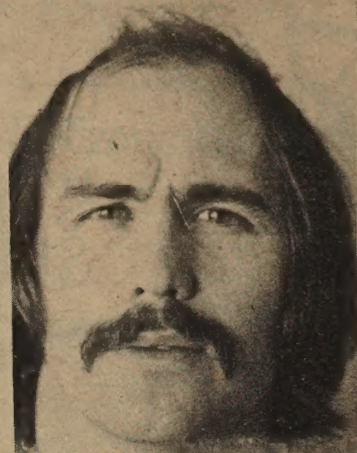
by Joe Pallaria



Susan Dennet, Science Major, Night School: I think it would be good because everyone would be entitled to the maximum amount of health care possible. Indirectly, it's that way now because people aren't turned away from hospitals.



Peter Cantrell, second semester, Business Transfer: It's good because low income people will be covered, but the doctors will lose out because they will make less money, yet still have to pay for all the schooling they received.



Tom Hodgson, second semester, Respiratory Therapy: It would be good in the way it will stop the spiraling cost of medical treatment, yet the initial flaws could turn the country into a giant welfare state.



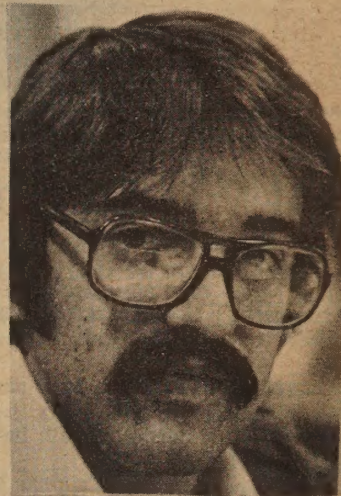
Chris Verdi, fourth semester, Liberal Arts: I think it would be great. Medical costs are way too high -- nobody can afford to be sick any more! A National Health Care Plan would bring costs down to a reasonable rate.



Dave Garland, first semester, Liberal Arts: I think it's dumb because it will cost too much money. We've got enough trouble supporting our Social Security System.



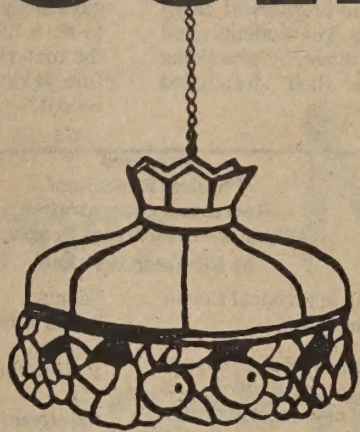
JoAnne Baker, unclassified student: I'm not for it. Between the Bureaucrats, red tape and the Mis-Management associated with the government running... it will be one big mess. Why not try and stop the runaway cost of medical expense instead?



Andy Champagne, second semester, Criminal Justice: I think it would be a good idea because it would allow low-income people, who normally could not afford medical treatment, a chance to get medical coverage.

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